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(Ships)

The "Mangalia," "Constanza," "Midia," and "Sulina" four new freighters operated by the Soviet-Rumanian "Sovromtransport" company, commute regularly between the Bulgarian port BURGAS, the Rumanian port CONSTANTA, the Russian port NIKOLAYEV and the Bessarabian port ISMAIL. The four ships carry mostly cargoes for the USSR from the satellite states.

The schedule of these ships is as follows: they go from BURGAS to NIKOLAYEV, carrying Bulgarian minerals, lead, aluminum, hides, cloth, and wheat. After unloading at NIKOLAYEV they are loaded with other materials, which they take to the Soviet-held Bessarabian port ISMAIL. Their next stop is CONSTANTA, where they fill their tanks with fuel oil; and from there they go to BURGAS, where they are loaded with another shipment of Bulgarian goods for the USSR. This circular cruise takes 12 days.

The construction of the four ships was completed at the beginning of 1951. "Constanta" and "Mangalia" were built in the BUDAPEST Danubian shipyards, while "Midia" and "Sulina" were built on the shipyards of the Rumanian port TURNU SEVERIN, also on the Danube. All four have a capacity of 650 tons and a speed of 10 knots. They run on Swedish Diesel engine and each has an additional Motor of Hungarian "GANZ" make.

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