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EPIRB Registration

TO MASTERS, SHIP OWNERS, MARINE RADIO EQUIPMENT SUPPLIERS AND THEIR AGENTS AND PRINCIPAL OFFICERS

Summary

This marine notice serves to emphasize to the marine industry the importance of EPIRB registration and regular updating of registered particulars as contained in the Merchant Shipping (EPIRB Registration) Regulations, 2002. Registration of EPIRB's is compulsory whether or not carried in compliance with statutory requirements. Hence this registration is an additional requirement in terms of the Merchant Shipping (National Small Vessel Safety) Regulations 2007 – Annexure 2 paragraph 4.

1. Registration of EPIRB's

The owner and operator of every ship of South African Nationality must ensure that every EPIRB carried on the ship (whether or not carried in compliance with statutory requirements) is registered with the Maritime Rescue Co-ordination Centre(MRCC) and that the registered particulars are correct. This Registration Process at the Maritime Rescue Co-ordination Centre (MRCC) is a separate process to that of the application for a Maritime Mobile Service Identity Number (MMSI) which is obtained from the Independent Communications Authority of South Africa (ICASA).

Evidence, that every EPIRB carried on the ship is registered, must be kept available on board vessels for inspection at all reasonable times by a surveyor. SAMSAs Radio Surveyors will assist with the process of registration prior to radio surveys and inspections. *This requirement will in future be enforced during annual radio surveys, ship surveys and Ad Hoc inspections.*

2. Change in registered particulars

Where in respect of an EPIRB already registered with the MRCC, if there is any change in the particulars registered with the MRCC, the owner and the operator of the ship to which these particulars relate must, as soon as is reasonably practicable after the change, give written notice of the change to the MRCC.

3. Maritime Rescue Co-ordination Centre details

Tel: (021) 938 3302/3 for registration queries or (021) 938 3300 for DISTRESS reporting

Fax: (021) 938 3309

Email: mrcc.ct@samsa.org.za

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406 MHZ EPIRB REGISTRATION FORM

(PLEASE COMPLETE IN BLOCK LETTERS)
(* INDICATES COMPULSORY FIELDS)

Send to: MRCC Cape Town

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EPIRB INFORMATION

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Beacon ID (Unique Identifier Number) *

Cat 1 (Automatic / manual activation)

Cat 2 (Manual activation only)

How many other distress beacons are carried onboard? _____

EPIRB manufacturer _____

Model no. _____

Beacon unit serial no. * _____

EPIRB REGISTRATION

New EPIRB registration

Confirmation of previous EPIRB registration details

Change of EPIRB information or ownership

Tick here if this EPIRB has been previously registered

EPIRB's previous unique ID number

OWNER / OPERATOR INFORMATION

Name * _____

Postal address _____

City _____ Province _____

Postal code _____ Country _____

E-mail _____

Telephone (include national and local code)¹

() _____ * H W C F Other

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EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION (Please indicate someone other than the owner)

Name of **Primary** 24-hour emergency contact *

Street address _____

Telephone (include national and local code)¹

() _____ * H W C F Other

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Name of **Alternate** 24-hour emergency contact

Street address _____

Telephone (include national and local code)¹

() _____ H W C F Other

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VESSEL INFORMATION

Type *

Sail: number of masts _____

Power: Fishing Tug Cargo Tanker Pleasure craft

Other _____

Non-power: Life boat Life raft Other _____

Vessel name * _____

MMSI number * _____

Call sign * _____

Vessel registration number * _____

Vessel colour _____

Length overall _____ m People capacity _____

Vessel contact numbers

INMARSAT _____

Cellular _____

Radio equipment

VHF HF MF SSB Other _____

Number of survival craft(s) on vessel: Life boat _____ Life raft _____

Home base _____

Additional useful data _____

Signature _____

Date _____

¹ H = Home telephone – W = Work telephone – C = Cellular telephone – F = Facsimile number