

Subject:

Revised ID assigning method for
satellite EPIRBs on ships flying
Panamanian flag.

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To: Shipowners and shipbuilders concerned

As you may know, Satellite EPIRBs are required in accordance with IMO Performance Standard to be programmed with own ship's identification (hereafter called ID).

In Panamanian ships, an country code with call-sign have been being used for IDs until now, though, the Government has informed us that the method to assign IDs has been revised, namely, MMSI* is to be used for all Panamanian ships. Hence, IDs for ships in service be changed to the MMSI at the earliest renewal of the Ship Station Licence.

Thus, the EPIRBs in ships in service shall be re-programmed with a newly assigned ID at the occasion, and our surveyors will check whether the EPIRBs be re-programmed at the SR survey.

Ship's owners may make a request for a permission from the Government when they intend to postpone the re-programming due to a certain reason, otherwise, a conditional short term Safety Radio Certificate will be issued in lieu of a full term certificate at the SR survey.

A new assignment of the ID can be obtained by applying to the undermentioned Office of Panamanian Government prior to expiration of a Ship Station Licence.

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Please feel free to contact Equipment Department of the Society for any information you may need.

The end.

* : The MMSI is an abbreviation of Maritime Mobile Service Identity and is assigned in accordance with the Appendix 43 of ITU's Radio Regulations to each ship as an ID.

The MMSI consists of Country code (3-digit numerals) and Ship station ID (6-digit numerals).

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