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Performance Standards and Serviceability Requirements for Additional Radio Equipment Carried Onboard a Vessel

TO ALL REGIONAL MANAGERS, PRINCIPAL OFFICERS, SURVEYORS, RADIO DEALERS, SHIP OWNERS, MASTERS, SHIP'S OFFICERS AND AFFECTED PARTIES

Summary

The purpose of this Marine Notice is to emphasize the performance standards and serviceability and maintenance requirements for any additional radio equipment carried onboard a South African vessel and which does not form part of the mandatory radio installation.

Performance Standards

1. All radio equipment carried onboard a South African ship of 25 GT or more; or a pleasure vessel of more than 100 GT must meet the performance standards specified in Part 1, General, Regulation 6, of the Merchant Shipping (Radio installations) Regulations, 2002, as amended.
2. All radio equipment carried onboard a South African vessel of less than 25 GT and regulated by the Merchant Shipping (National Small Vessel Safety) Regulations, 2007, as amended, must be of a type-approved by the Independent Communications Authority of South Africa.
3. Marine Notice No. 9 of 2017 details Performance Standards for Marine Radio Equipment required by the Merchant Shipping (Radio Installations) Regulations, 2002, as amended.

Serviceability and maintenance requirement

1. Radio equipment required by the above-mentioned Regulations must be in efficient working order whenever a radio survey or inspection is undertaken.
2. Where any additional radio equipment, which is not required by these Regulations, is provided, it must also be in efficient working order and will be assessed during the radio survey or inspection.
3. Equipment not in efficient working order or not meeting the performance standards or not type approved, must be removed from the vessel.

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