

EMERGENCY POSITION INDICATING RADIO BEACON (EPIRB) REGISTRATION

REGIONAL MANAGERS, PRINCIPAL OFFICERS, SHIP AGENTS, PORT AUTHORITIES, SHIP OWNERS, SHIP MANAGERS, SEAFARERS AND OTHER INTERESTED AND AFFECTED PARTIES

ISSUE DATE	15 October 2021	EXPIRY DATE	14 October 2026 or unless withdrawn	REFERENCE	SM6/5/2/1/MN
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Marine Notice's affected

<i>Cancelled or superseded:</i>	15 of 2021	<i>Read in conjunction with:</i>	Not applicable
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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 carried in compliance with statutory requirements or on a voluntarily basis. Hence this registration is an additional requirement in terms of the Merchant Shipping (National Small Vessel Safety) Regulations 2007 – Annexure 2 paragraph 4.

Registration of EPIRB

The owner and operator of every ship of South African Nationality must ensure that every EPIRB carried on the vessel, whether carried due to compliance with statutory requirements or not, is registered with the Maritime Rescue Co-ordination Centre (MRCC) and that the registered particulars are correct. This Registration Process at the 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).

A Certificate of Registration of the EPIRB will be provided and must be kept available on-board vessels for inspection at all reasonable times by a surveyor. This certificate shall be renewed annually, in compliance with the Regulations, following the annual confirmation of EPIRB information.

Change in registered particulars

Any change in the particulars registered at the MRCC must be communicated to the MRCC without delay by using the EPIRB Registration form. A Certificate of Registration of the EPIRB will be provided as proof of the particulars updated.

Deregistration of beacon

Any beacon that is sold, scrapped, damaged beyond further use, permanently removed from service, stolen, or lost must be deregistered by completing the form and ensuring the correct fields are tick and reason for deregistration is clearly indicated.

Maritime Rescue Co-ordination Centre details

The 24/7 contact details of MRCC Cape Town:

Tel: (021) 938 3300,

Fax: (021) 938 3309,

Email: mrcc.ct@samsa.org.za.

EPIRB Registration Form

The EPIRB Registration Form is available at this link: [EPIRB Registration Form](#)

Completing the EPIRB Registration Form

The actual EPIRB Registration Form, as per the link provided above and not the example below, to be completed with as much information as possible as per the guidance provided in **bold green** on the example below:



406 MHZ EPIRB REGISTRATION FORM

(PLEASE COMPLETE IN BLOCK LETTERS)

Send to: MRCC Cape Town
Telephone: +27 (0)21 938 3300
Fax: +27 (0)21 938 3309
Email: mrcc.ct@samsa.org.za

EPIRB INFORMATION

TYPING IN CAPITALS: Enter the 15-digit hexadecimal ID provided after the EPIRB is programmed here
The UIN would contain a combination of numbers from 0-9 and letters from A-F. The UIN is also referred to as the HEX ID

Beacon ID – Unique Identifier Number (UID)

Cat 1 (Automatic / manual activation)

Please indicate the EPIRB activation method

Cat 2 (Manual activation only)

How many other distress beacons are carried onboard? ___
Provide number and HEX ID of other COSPAS SARSAT Beacons carried on the vessel

EPIRB manufacturer _____ **Manufacturer must be COSPAS SARSAT type-approved**

Model no. _____ **The model number as provided by the Manufacturer**

Beacon unit serial no. _____ **The unique serial number as provided by the Manufacturer**

EPIRB REGISTRATION

PLEASE INDICATE WHICH IS APPLICABLE:

New EPIRB registration – **First time registration of the particular beacon on the Beacon Database**

Confirmation of EPIRB registration details – **Indicates that the beacon details are being verified in terms of the annual verification requirement**

Change of EPIRB information – **This applies if details related to the owner have changed such as address or telephone numbers**

Change of ownership – **Notification of the beacon sold**

Tick here if this EPIRB has been previously registered with different programmed information – **Relates to Confirming and Change of details Allows for previous details to be traced and removed from the database**

EPIRB previous unique ID number _____ **The previous HEX ID must be reflected here for correlation**

Cancellation / Deregistration of EPIRB – **EPIRB is destroyed or is damaged beyond repair or is permanently withdrawn from use. In case of an old beacon being replaced select Change of information, EPIRB was previously registered, and provide the previous UIN (HEX ID)**

Reason for Deregistration: **Indicate the reason for deregistration of the beacon. Destroyed in an explosion, non-repairable due to age, not going to be used anymore, sold, stolen, or lost (overboard)?**

Destroyed // Non-repairable // Withdrawn from use
 Sold // Stolen // Lost

OWNER / OPERATOR INFORMATION – Provide the information relating to the person responsible for the EPIRB registration information

Name _____

Postal address _____

Postal code _____ Country _____

E-mail _____

Telephone (include national and local code)¹ – **Please provide all contact numbers noting that the numbers must allow MRCC Cape Town to contact a person directly e.g. not a switchboard or Reception**

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EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION

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

Please provide the contact details of person who must be contacted first to assist MRCC Cape Town with additional information in the case of an EPIRB activation

Street address _____

Email: _____

Telephone (include national and local code)

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

(Not the same as the Owner or Primary emergency contact) - **Please provide the contact details of person ashore who can assist MRCC Cape Town with additional information in the case of an EPIRB activation**

Street address _____

Email: _____

Telephone (include national and local code)

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VESSEL INFORMATION

Type

Sail: number of masts: ____ **Only applicable to sailing vessels**

Power: Fishing Tug Cargo Tanker Pleasure craft

Select the type of powered craft

Other Craft ____ **e.g. Launch, NSRI SRU, SAPS Patrol**

Non-power: Lifeboat Life raft Other ____ **Craft not normally in use e.g. Lifeboat or Rescue Float Platform which are fitted with an EPIRB**

Vessel name ____ **The name used to identify the craft**

MMSI number ____ **A nine (9) digit number with the first three (3) digits being the Country Code for South Africa, e.g. 601**

Call sign ____ **The craft call sign as issued by the radio license authority in the Country e.g. ICASA**

Vessel Registration number ____ **The official number as registered with SAMSA. It is issued by the Registrar of Ships and could be the Licence Number e.g. starting with DTC.**

Vessel Superstructure ____ **Describe the craft superstructure**

Vessel Deck colour ____ **Describe the craft deck colour**

Vessel Hull colour ____ **Describe the craft hull colour**

Vessel Identifying Marks ____ **These markings (such as the SA Sailing Number, Race Number, Prints or Banners) could assist with the vessel identification**

Length – _____ m

Part of the description of the vessel

People capacity ____ **The maximum number of persons, including the Captain/Skipper, which could be onboard. To be confirmed with the relevant contact persons ashore**

Vessel contact numbers – **These numbers may be used to contact the Skipper/Captain directly from MRCC Cape Town**

INMARSAT _____

Cellular /SatPhone _____

Radio equipment

Select which is applicable:

VHF HF MF SSB Other _____ **E.g. CAVICOM**

Number of survival craft(s) on vessel: Lifeboat ____ Life raft ____ **The number of life boats and life raft carried on the craft**

Home base ____ **The home port or port of registry e.g. Durban Yacht Club**

Additional useful data _____ **Any other information that might assist MRCC Cape Town in identifying, contacting, locating, or responding, to the craft and persons onboard when an EPIRB is activated e.g. Orange Sails, Commercial Tracker information, Weather Router contact details, FRC detail, SA Sailing Number**

Signature ____ **The signature of the person submitting this document**

Date ____ **The date on which this completed form is submitted to MRCC Cape Town**

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

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