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MARINE CIRCULAR 26/2013

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TO : Ship Owners, Managers, Charterers, Ship Master and the Shipping Community

SUBJECT : Radio Accounting Authority and Point of Service Action for Inmarsat activation.

PURPOSE:

This Circular is to notify the shipping community on the followings:

- (a) Information on the radio message accounting and list of Kiribati approved Radio Accounting Authorities; and
- (b) Procedures required for the activation, deactivation and update of information regarding Inmarsat Mobile Earth Stations (MESs) on Kiribati flagged vessels.

APPLICATION:

This Circular applies to all Kiribati flagged vessels:

- (a) on which Inmarsat MESs are, or will be, installed; and/or
- (b) are equipped with ship radio stations.

1. RADIO ACCOUNTING AUTHORITY

- (a) The ITU Convention provides for Radio Accounting Authorities to settle maritime radiocommunication accounts for ships licensed by the Kiribati Administration.
- (b) There have been many problems occurring in international radio maritime accounting, hence no ship is entitled to be registered or to maintain registration under the Kiribati flag unless the owner shall have entered into a valid contract with an authorised radio service company pursuant to the terms of which the latter assumes the accounting obligation.
- (c) It is mandatory that all international maritime radio traffic charges for radiocommunications from ship to shore, both terrestrial and satellite, shall be settled by the approved Accounting Authority which has the legal contract with the owner of the vessel.
- (d) The Radio Accounting Authority for the vessel has assumed full responsibility for the payment of the radiocommunication charges and has further given a guaranty to the Government of Kiribati that no charges will accrue to the account of the Government of Kiribati and, therefore, ensures that the guaranty remains fully effective. It is imperative that all radio traffic charges be sent to the Radio Accounting Authority only and not to any third party.

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(e) The Radio Accounting Authority approved by Kiribati is:

AAIC	:	KI01
AAIC Name	:	Telecom Services Kiribati Ltd.
Address	:	P.O. Box 72, Bairiki

2. POINT OF SERVICE ACTION (PSA) FOR INMARSAT ACTIVATION

- (a) The Point of Service Action (PSA) is an entity authorised by Inmarsat with the approval of the Administration to accept and process applications for MES service activation, assign Inmarsat Mobile Numbers and transmit customer service activation information to the Inmarsat Customer Activation Group. The PSA works directly with the customer on service activation in particular, and Inmarsat systems and services in general.
- (b) The PSA shall perform all functions regarding Inmarsat equipment activation, deactivation and maintenance of customer information held in Inmarsat's Electronic Service Activation System (ESAS) for all vessels registered under Kiribati.
- (c) The PSA shall inform the Kiribati Administration of all additions, deletions and modifications to Kiribati MESs as quickly as possible with a change of flag.
- (d) It is important that this procedure be understood and followed by the PSA, shipowner and ship operator in order that registration/deregistration of systems may be quickly accomplished for LRIT compliance and to avoid delays to the operation of the vessel.
- (e) The PSA authorised by the Kiribati Administration is:

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