

## **GUIDANCE NOTE 08/2020 (Rev 01)**

### **INMARSAT FLEET 77: SERVICE CLOSURE**

**To: OWNERS, MANAGERS and MASTERS OF CAYMAN ISLANDS SHIPS**

#### **1. BACKGROUND**

- 1.1 Inmarsat Fleet 77, which supports Inmarsat Fleet 77 ship earth stations, is a Global Maritime Distress and Safety System compliant service that integrates satellite communication services providing voice communications. Fleet 77 is not mandatory under the carriage requirements of the International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea 1974 (SOLAS).
- 1.2 In 2015, the International Mobile Satellite Organization (IMSO) informed the Sub-Committee on Navigation, Communications and Search and Rescue of the International Maritime Organization (IMO) of the scheduled closure of the Inmarsat Fleet 77 service by 01 December 2020.

#### **2. WITHDRAWAL OF FLEET 77**

- 2.1 The Cayman Islands Shipping Registry (CISR) would like to draw the attention of owners of Cayman Islands ships and all concerned parties, to the imminent scheduled closure of Inmarsat Fleet 77 service by 1 December 2020. All terminals associated with the retired service will be deactivated on the network and the service will no longer be available to customers.

#### **3. REPLACEMENT OF FLEET 77 EQUIPMENT**

- 3.1 If an Inmarsat Fleet 77 Ship Earth Station (SES) is still in use on board a Cayman Islands ship to meet applicable statutory requirements it will require replacement before 01 December 2020.
- 3.2 Any new equipment should be installed, surveyed and reflected to all applicable statutory certification before 01 December 2020.

#### **4 INFORMATION FROM INMARSAT**

- 4.1 Information and updates on the service closure are available from Inmarsat at <https://www.inmarsat.com/fleet-33-55-77-mpds/>.