

GUIDANCE NOTE 09/2026 (Rev.1.0)

SHIP RADIO STATION LICENCE ACCOUNTING AUTHORITY IDENTIFICATION CODE (AAIC)

To: OWNERS, CAPTAINS, MANAGERS, and RADIO SURVEYORS

1. BACKGROUND

- 1.1 The Utility Regulation and Competition Office (OfReg) issues ship radio station licenses (RSLs) for Cayman Islands flagged vessels.
- 1.2 An Accounting Authority (AA) is an entity designated to manage billing, collection, and payment of maritime mobile telecommunication accounts.
- 1.3 The International Telecommunications Union (ITU) permits each licensing authority to register no more than 25 of the AAs.
- 1.4 The list of recognized AA Identification Codes (AAIC)s is provided in OfReg's '[Guide to Applications](#)'.
- 1.5 Vessels using public correspondence services, coast radio stations and Inmarsat/Viasat are typically required to have an AAIC, but some satellite providers often permit direct billing arrangements, so an AAIC is not always required.

2. THE ISSUE

- 2.1 OfReg have identified that several applications for RSLs have referenced AAICs which are not registered with the Cayman Islands.
- 2.2 OfReg are contacting those vessels that are not currently using a recognized AA.

3. ACTION REQUIRED

- 3.1 Prior to the next annual renewal of the RSL, the person/body responsible for the application is to ensure that the AAIC being used by their vessel is one which is registered to provide services to Cayman Islands flagged vessels.
- 3.2 From the **1st January 2027** any RSL applications referencing an AAIC that is not on OfReg's list will be refused.