

## **GUIDANCE NOTE 04/2011**

### **SHIP RADIO STATION LICENCE & EPIRB PROGRAMMING**

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

This Guidance Note was previously issued as Shipping Notice 04/2011 and the content remains unchanged.  
A copy of Shipping Notice 04/2011 is attached to, and forms part of, this Guidance Note.

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**To: OWNERS, MANAGERS, CHARTERERS AND MASTERS OF CAYMAN ISLANDS SHIPS (INCLUDING PRIVATE AND COMMERCIAL YACHTS).**

#### **1. BACKGROUND**

- 1.1 The Information & Communications Technology Authority (ICTA) is the Cayman Islands Government body with responsibility for the issue of radio licences to Cayman Islands ships.
- 1.2 This Shipping Notice contains updated information from Shipping Notice 02/2005. Shipping Notice 02/2005 is now withdrawn

#### **2. INFORMATION & COMMUNICATIONS TECHNOLOGY AUTHORITY**

- 2.1 Sections 9(2)(c), 23(2) and 82 of the Information and Communications Technology Law (2006 Revision) require that the operator of a radio station on any vessel registered in the Cayman Islands must at all times have a current licence from the Authority.
- 2.2 Furthermore, the Radio Regulations issued by the International Telecommunications Union ("ITU"), which apply to the Cayman Islands via United Kingdom legislation, state at Article S18: S18.1 § 1 1). *No transmitting station may be established or operated by a private person or by any enterprise without a licence issued in an appropriate form and in conformity with the provisions of these Regulations by or on behalf of the government of the country to which the station in question is subject.*
- 2.3 Vessel owners should also note that unlicensed vessels are excluded from the ITU's Maritime mobile Access and Retrieval System ("MARS") database that is used by search and rescue organisations and that, where applicable, Maritime Mobile Service Identity ("MMSI") numbers are withdrawn from unlicensed vessels and reallocated to new ones. For the continued safety of all those on board, it therefore is vitally important that radio licence licences are kept current.

- 2.4 Accordingly, no later than 30 days prior to the licence expiry date each year, you should forward to the Authority a completed [Licence Application Form](#) along with **the appropriate licence fee**. The Authority has produced a comprehensive [Guide to Applicants](#) for a Maritime ICT (Ship Radio Station) Licence. All owners and their agents are strongly encouraged to read the Guide in full before submitting applications.
- 2.5 The instructions for the correct coding of EPIRBs are particularly important as the Cayman MMSI number **MUST NOT** be used.
- 2.6 A copy of the ICTA “Guide to Applicants” is included as an annex to this Shipping Notice. ICTA can be contacted via [www.icta.ky](http://www.icta.ky) or by telephone on +1 345 949 4282.

**ANNEX**

**GUIDE TO APPLICANTS FOR A MARITIME ICT (SHIP RADIO STATION) LICENCE**

( This document may be downloaded from  
<http://www.icta.ky/docs/Ships/Maritime%20Guide.pdf> )