



# TUVALU SHIP REGISTRY

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## MARINE CIRCULAR

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**FOR:** Ship Owners, Ship Managers, Ship Operators, Ship Masters, Ship Officers, Classification Societies

**SUBJECT: INMARSAT SERVICES UNDER THE POINT OF SERVICE ACTIVATION (PSA) SYSTEM AND RADIO ACCOUNTING AUTHORITIES**

#### DEFINITIONS:

The following abbreviations stand for:

- “AAIC” – Accounting Authority Identification Code
- “ESAS” – Electronic Service Activation System
- “ITU” – International Telecommunication Union
- “LRIT” – Long Range Identification and Tracking
- “MES” – Mobile Earth Station
- “PSA” – Point of Service Activation

The following term shall mean:

- “Administration” – Tuvalu Ship Registry.

#### PURPOSE:

This Marine Circular serves to:

- (a) Provide procedures required to activate, deactivate and update information regarding Inmarsat mobile earth stations (MESs) on Tuvalu flagged vessels; and
- (b) Explain the radio message accounting procedures and provides the list of Tuvalu approved Radio Accounting Authorities by their AAIC.

#### APPLICATION:

This Marine Circular applies to all Tuvalu flagged vessels:

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

#### CONTENTS:

##### 1. PSA requirements

- 1.1. A PSA is an entity authorized 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.

- 1.2. A PSA shall perform all functions regarding Inmarsat equipment activation, deactivation and maintenance of customer information held in Inmarsat's ESAS for all vessels registered under Tuvalu.
- 1.3. A PSA shall inform this Administration of all additions, deletions and modifications to Tuvalu MESS as quickly as possible with a change of flag.
- 1.4. It is imperative that this procedure be understood and followed by the PSA, shipowner and ship operator so that registration/deregistration of systems may be quickly accomplished for LRIT compliance (refer to Tuvalu Marine Circular MC-2/2008/11/12/4).
- 1.5. The PSA authorized by this Administration is:

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## **2. Radio Accounting Authority Requirements**

- 2.1. The ITU Convention currently in force provides for Accounting Authorities to settle maritime radiocommunication accounts for ships licensed by the Administration.
- 2.2. Due to the many problems occurring in international radio maritime accounting, no ship is entitled to be registered or to maintain registration under the Tuvalu flag unless the owner shall have entered into a valid contract with an authorized radio service company pursuant to the terms of which the latter assumes the accounting obligation.
- 2.3. 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.
- 2.4. The Accounting Authority for the vessel has assumed full responsibility for the payment of the radiocommunication charges and has further given a guarantee to the Government of Tuvalu that no charges will accrue to the account of the Government of Tuvalu and, therefore, ensures that the guaranty remains fully effective. It is imperative that all radio traffic charges be sent to the Accounting Authority only and not to any third party.
- 2.5. The radio accounting authority approved by Tuvalu is:

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Yours sincerely,

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