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MARINE CIRCULAR

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FOR: Ship Owners, Ship Managers, Ship Operators, and Radio Accounting Authorities

SUBJECT: INMARSAT SAFETYLINK SELF-SERVICE PORTAL

PURPOSE:

This Marine Circular serves to notify ship owners / operators and radio Accounting Authorities recognized by Tuvalu of Tuvalu's stand in relation to Inmarsat's SafetyLink Self-Service Portal that was launched in June 2024.

REFERENCES:

The following references should be read in conjunction with this Circular:

- (a) Inmarsat [SafetyLink Self-Service Portal](#)
- (b) Tuvalu Marine Circular MC-19/2012/1 – Inmarsat Services under the Point of Service Activation (PSA) System and Radio Accounting Authorities

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1. Background

Inmarsat is the organization that sets the rules and oversees "service activation" or formal registration/re-registration of Inmarsat mobile satellite terminals for all vessels.

Under these rules, activation and deactivation of equipment must take place when:

- a ship changes its country of registration (i.e. transfer of flag);
- there is a change of shipowner; or
- changes occur to the equipment.

Inmarsat has introduced a new SafetyLink self-service portal (Reference (a)) that allows for ship owners / operators to carry out activation of Inmarsat mobile satellite terminals and make changes to activations through direct interface with Inmarsat through the self-service portal.

However, Inmarsat has stated that national requirements in relation to activation and billing arrangement will be honored and maintained.

2. Requirements

- 2.1. Ship owners / operators of Tuvalu flagged vessels, or radio Accounting Authorities shall not directly activate Inmarsat terminals or make changes to terminal activations via the update Inmarsat SafetyLink self-service portal.
- 2.2. In accordance with Section 1 of Tuvalu Marine Circular MC-19/2012/1 (Reference (b)), MCS (FE) PTE LTD (PSA 3306) is the sole Inmarsat Point of Service Activation (PSA) for Tuvalu flagged vessels.
- 2.3. All Inmarsat service functions including, activation and deactivation of Inmarsat mobile satellite terminals; the issuance of Inmarsat mobile numbers, or changes to a terminal activation must be submitted to PSA 3306 for processing and handling.

2.4. Ship owners / operators of Tuvalu flagged vessels may not use Inmarsat's SafetyLink self-service portal for Inmarsat terminal activations and changes to activations, including deactivations, change of LESO, etc.

Yours sincerely,

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