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To: All local Agents and Operators

GMDSS COMPLIANCE FOR LOCAL CRAFT

From 1 January 2004 all harbour craft are to be fitted with radio installations that meet the requirements of the Global Maritime Distress and Safety System (GMDSS). The issuance by this department of a safety survey certificate after 1 January 2004 will depend on this requirement being met.

Therefore this means that all commercial craft are to be fitted with a fixed VHF radio that has Digital Selective Calling (DSC) facilities, together with a suitable power source. The DSC unit is to be programmed with the vessels assigned maritime Mobile Security Identity (MMSI) number which is obtainable via your ships station licence from the Gibraltar Regulatory Authority. The installation of this equipment must be to the surveyors satisfaction, so it is in the operators own interest to ensure that professional advice is sought when initially setting up the installation.

It is strongly recommended that in conjunction with the VHF/DSC set up, a Global Positioning System (GPS) is connected to the DSC unit so when the distress button is activated the GPS is able to supply the exact position of the craft to the DSC unit, therefore making rescue co-ordination accurate, quicker and more effective.

In addition to the fixed VHF radio above, each craft is to carry a hand-held waterproof VHF radio for use in emergency situations. A method of charging the radio is to be available onboard otherwise spare batteries are to be carried.

If further information is required, please contact this office.

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