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TO: ALL SHIPOWNERS, OPERATORS, MASTERS AND
OFFICERS OF MERCHANT SHIPS, AND AUTHORIZED
RECOGNIZED ORGANIZATIONS

SUBJECT: Activation, Deactivation and Disposal of 406 MHZ Satellite Emergency Position-Indicating Radio Beacon (EPIRB)

APPLICABILITY: This circular applies to all Georgian flag vessels outfitted with EPIRBs.

The purpose of this circular is to notify Ship-owners/Operators, Company Security Officers, Legal Representatives of Georgian Flagged Vessels and Recognized Organizations (RO's), that the Satellite Emergency Position Indicating Radio Beacon (Satellite EPIRB'S) on board of Georgian vessels shall be programmed with the Maritime Mobile Service Identities (MMSI) number assigned to the vessel through the Maritime Transport Agency of Georgia (MTA). If the vessel has not been assigned a MMSI number because it is not presently fitted with GMDSS, a request shall be made to the MTA.

ACTIVATION - Upon acquiring a (new) EPIRB a Shipowner should fill application form attached to this circular as ANNEX 1. When an Application for EPIRB registration has been completed and sent to MTA the competent department facilitates the registration of the vessels EPIRB into the International Beacon Registration Database (IBRD) and confirmation will be sent to shipowner.

DEACTIVATION - If an EPIRB is lost, damaged, destroyed or otherwise rendered unusable and the beacon is replaced, the new beacon's 15 Hex ID must be submitted to the MTA. The Agency will facilitate the deletion and deactivation of the 'old' beacons.

- When a vessel is leaving the Registry, the Agency will facilitate the deactivation of the EPIRB in the IBRD.
- If the vessel is scrapped and the EPIRB is left onboard, all data held in the beacon must be erased to avoid accidental transmission of distress signals.

DISPOSAL-When a EPIRB is disposed of, batteries must be disconnected and all data erased to avoid accidental transmission of distress signals.

Request for EPIRB registration and notices of changes of programming shall be sent to:

LEPL - MARITIME TRANSPORT AGENCY OF GEORGIA (MTA)

Ship Registry and Flag Control Department

E-mail: fsi@mta.gov.ge

Tel:+995 (422) 274925 (Ext. 1112/1113)

Hot Line: +995 (577) 221622

Maritime Rescue Coordination Centre (MRCC)E-mail: mrcc@mta.gov.ge

Tel:+995 (422) 274926 (Ext. 21)

Attachment: ANNEX 1 - MTA3-03-626 – EPIRB registration form

