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To: All Owners, Managers and Representatives of Ships flying Georgia Flag, Masters and Officers, Recognized Organizations, Flag State Inspectors, Recognized Agents, Stakeholders.

Subject : Global Maritime Distress and Safety Systems (GMDSS) Radio Logbooks

Reference:

- **Article 39 of the Maritime Code of Georgia;**
- **Regulation 17 of the chapter IV of the SOLAS, International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea, Consolidated Edition 2014, as amended.**

1. Purpose:

1.1 The aim of this Circular is to inform the owners, operators, managers and masters of Georgian registered Ships with regards the requirements of maintenance and keeping of GMDSS Radio Logbooks on board ships. The sample of the logbook format is hereby annexed to this circular.

2. Introduction:

2.1 In accordance with Regulation 17 of the Chapter IV of the International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea (SOLAS) a record “of all incidents connected with the radio communication service which appear to be of importance to safety of life at sea” shall be kept.

3. Application:

3.1 Requirement applies to all ships registered in the State Register of Ships of Georgia which are engaged in international voyages and are equipped with GMDSS ship’s radio stations.

3.2 The mentioned circular requirements shall enter into force **from January 1, 2021.**

4. Requirements:

4.1 Maritime Transport Agency of Georgia (hereinafter referred to as “MTA”) requires this record, to be known as the GMDSS Radio Logbook, to be kept and maintained on the navigation bridge, convenient to the radio installation and made available for inspection by Radio Surveyors, flag State inspectors and other authorized personnel.

4.2 The GMDSS Radio Logbook shall be kept and available in electronic version or in hard copy. The use of the electronic version is deemed to be voluntary for ship-owners.

5. Composition of the GMDSS Radio Logbook:

5.1 The GMDSS Radio logbook is to be comprised of three (3) sections as outlined below.

5.1.1 Section (A) - Particulars of Ship:

- Ship's name;
- IMO number;
- Call sign;
- Gross tonnage; Sea areas in which ship is authorized to navigation;
- Date of expiration of current Safety Radio Certificate;
- Date of expiration of current Ship Radio Station License; and
- Name of vessel owner, and the name of the manager or agent.

5.1.2 Section (B) - Details of GMDSS Radio Personnel:

- Name of qualified seafarers;
- GMDSS Certificate number;
- Date on board (arrival and departure);
- Name of person designated for radio communications during emergencies; and
- Name of person nominated to carry out appropriate tests, checks and log entries.

5.1.3 Section (C) - Record of Communications.

5.1.3.1 The GMDSS radio logbook will record the following as they occur, together with the time of occurrence:

- A summary of communications relating to distress, urgency, and safety traffic;
- A record of important incidents connected with the radio service; and
- Noon position of the ship once a day at sea, entered in the "Summary" column.

5.2 The Master will inspect and sign each day's entries in the GMDSS Radio Logbook.

5.3 A sample format for the GMDSS Radio Logbook is provided in annex I. It contains all of the information required in the Radio Logbook. Both pages of the form may be duplicated if additional space is needed.

6. Records Availability and Retention:

6.1 The GMDSS Radio Logbook must be retained by the shipowner and/or operator for a period of Three years from the date of the last entry.

6.2 The GMDSS Radio Logbook maybe retained either on board the vessel or at the owner's and/or operator's primary office. If the logs are kept on board the vessel it is recommended that a copy also be filed at the owners' and/or operator's office.

6.3 The GMDSS Radio Logbook must be made available to MTA upon request.

7. Contact Details:

7.1 Shipowner, ship operator or Management Company of a ship flying the Georgian flag, for additional consultations and assistance regarding mentioned circular requirements may contact the Agency:

LEPL – Maritime Transport Agency of Georgia
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Attachment: **Annex I – Format of Radio Logbook**

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