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ACCEPTANCE AND REGISTRATION OF IRIDIUM GMDSS TERMINALS

TO:	**SHIPOWNERS, SHIP MANAGERS, SHIP OPERATORS, RECOGNIZED IRIDIUM GMDSS SERVICE PROVIDERS**
APPLICABLE TO:	All ships subject to SOLAS Chapter IV
EFFECTIVE AS FROM:	28th February 2025

Date: 28th February 2025

Acceptance of Iridium GMDSS approved terminals

SVG Administration has recognized IRIDIUM as a Maritime Mobile Satellite Service (MMSS) provider for Global Maritime Distress and Safety System (GMDSS) services and the dissemination of Maritime Safety Information (MSI).

IRIDIUM GMDSS approved terminals may be installed on our fleet vessels to comply with the relevant requirements of SOLAS Chapter IV concerning GMDSS and MSI.

This Administration permits the use of IRIDIUM GMDSS approved terminals as both the primary and backup terminals on board.

For vessels navigating in Sea Area 4, this Administration highly recommends activating IRIDIUM GMDSS approved terminals, on the condition that a primary station is equipped with an MF/HF installation featuring Digital Selective Calling (DSC) and optionally Narrow-Band Direct Printing (NBDP).

Activation and Registration of IRIDIUM Terminals

IRIDIUM has designated multiple communication companies worldwide as official GMDSS service providers. This Administration authorizes these providers to activate IRIDIUM GMDSS approved terminals on its vessels. Vessel owners are responsible for selecting a local IRIDIUM GMDSS provider to install an IRIDIUM GMDSS approved terminal. IRIDIUM GMDSS approved terminals installed on SVG flagged vessels must be activated and, when necessary, deactivated by an authorized IRIDIUM GMDSS service provider.

To find a local IRIDIUM GMDSS service provider, visit: https://www.iridium.com/where-to-buy/?pid=314696.

Any IRIDIUM GMDSS approved terminal installed aboard an SVG flagged ship must be reported to this Administration in accordance with International Telecommunication Union (ITU) regulations. This is required to:

- Amend the vessel's radio station license,
- Verify compliance with SOLAS Chapter IV requirements, and
- Include the terminal in the Administration's database.

The recognized IRIDIUM GMDSS service provider will forward the necessary terminal information to the Administration for:

1. Amendment of the vessel's radio station license to reflect IRIDIUM GMDSS approved terminals, and
2. Inclusion of the terminal's details in the ITU Report.
3. Registration of the terminal in the Administration's database,

The Administration will issue the vessel an amended Ship Radio Station License, as appropriate, to reflect the activation of the IRIDIUM GMDSS approved terminals.

Ship owners, Ship managers, Ship operators and IRIDIUM GMDSS service providers must follow the above guidelines when activating or deactivating IRIDIUM GMDSS approved terminals on SVG flagged vessels.