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STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

2000 No. 1850

The Merchant Shipping (EPIRB Registration) Regulations 2000

PROSPECTIVE

Interpretation

2. In these Regulations—

“Cospas-Sarsat satellite service” means a satellite aided search and rescue system designed to locate distress beacons transmitting in the 406 MHz band and on other frequencies;

“EPIRB” means an emergency position indicating radio beacon capable of transmitting a distress alert either through the Cospas-Sarsat satellite service operating in the 406 MHz band or through the INMARSAT geostationary satellites operating in the 1.6 GHz band;

“INMARSAT” means the Organisation established by the Convention on the International Maritime Satellite Organisation adopted on 3rd September 1976⁽¹⁾;

“MID” means Maritime Identification Digits, being the three digits within the MMSI that identify the country where the ship is registered;

“MMSI” means Maritime Mobile Service Identity, being a nine-digit identification number made up of the three-digit MID followed by a six-digit identification number;

“operator” includes the master and any charterer, manager or agent of the ship;

“radio installation” means any radio installation provided on board a ship, including its associated antennas, interconnecting circuits and, where appropriate, sources of electrical energy;

“surveyor of ships” means any person appointed by the Secretary of State, either generally or in a particular case, to exercise powers under these Regulations;

“survival craft” means a craft capable of sustaining the lives of persons in distress from the time of abandoning the ship; and

“United Kingdom ship” means a ship which—

- (a) is a United Kingdom ship within the meaning of section 85(2) of the Merchant Shipping Act 1995; or
- (b) is a hovercraft registered under the Hovercraft Act 1968⁽²⁾.

Commencement Information

II Reg. 2 in force at 1.9.2000, see [reg. 1](#)

(1) Cmnd. 6822.

(2) 1968 c. 59.

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- reg. 2 applied by [S.I. 2023/35 Sch. 2 para. 2](#)
- reg. 2 coming into force by [S.I. 2000/1850 reg. 1](#)