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**DISTRESS PRIORITY COMMUNICATIONS FOR RCC
FROM SHORE-TO-SHIP VIA INMARSAT**

- 1 The Sub-Committee on Radiocommunications and Search and Rescue (COMSAR), at its thirteenth session (19 to 23 January 2009), noted the updated information provided by Inmarsat on Rescue Coordination Centres (RCCs) associated with Inmarsat Land Earth Stations (LESs).
- 2 Some RCCs have established arrangements whereby they are able to use the distress priority when sending certain messages from shore-to-ship via the Inmarsat network. The method of achieving this varies depending on the nature of the facilities available at both a Land Earth Station (LES) and a RCC. Inmarsat believes that such arrangements can contribute significantly to the efficiency and effectiveness of search and rescue operations.
- 3 In order for an RCC to make use of the distress priority in the shore-to-ship direction, it is necessary for that RCC to establish a prior arrangement with the LES to set up the necessary traffic routing arrangements. To enable this arrangement to be made, the RCC should contact the LES via the Operations Coordinator for that LES, whose details are contained in COMSAR.1/Circ.48, or a later update of that circular. The LES will advise the RCC on the specific procedures to be used to make use of the distress priority in the shore-to-ship direction via that LES.
- 4 To facilitate contacts between RCCs and LESs, detailed updated information on RCCs has been provided by Inmarsat and is given in the annex.
- 5 This circular replaces COMSAR/Circ.19.
- 6 Member Governments are invited to bring this circular to the attention of their SAR authorities and RCCs recommending them to establish appropriate arrangements for the use of distress priority communications from shore-to-ship when necessary.
- 7 Member Governments are also invited to ask RCCs to keep Inmarsat updated with any changes that may occur to their contact details from time to time. The Inmarsat contact e-mail address is maritime_safety@inmarsat.com.

ANNEX

LIST OF RCCs ASSOCIATED WITH INMARSAT LAND EARTH STATIONS (LESS) AS AT 2 APRIL 2009

No	LES	Country	Ocean Region(s)	MRCC	Address	Contact Details
1	Auckland	New Zealand	POR	RCC Australia	Australian Maritime Safety Authority, Level 3, 25 Constitution Ave GPO Box 2181 Canberra, ACT 2601 Australia	Tel.: +61 2 6230 6811 Fax: +61 2 6230 6868 E-Mail: rccaus@amsa.gov.au
2	Aussaguel	France	AOR-E AOR-W IOR	(M)RCC Gris-Nez (SARNET*)	CROSS Gris-Nez Audinghen F-62179 WISSANT France	Tel.: +33 3 21 87 21 87 Fax: +33 3 21 87 78 55 Telex: +42 130680 CROSS GN E-Mail: cross-gris-nez@equipement.gouv.fr Inmarsat-C: 422799256
3	Beijing	China	IOR POR	(M)RCC China	11 Jianguomennei Ave Beijing China 100736	Tel.: +86 10 652 92221 Fax: +86 10 652 92245 Telex: +85 222258 CMSAR CN E-Mail: cnmrcc@msa.gov.cn
4	Burum	The Netherlands	AOR-E AOR-W IOR	(J)RCC Den Helder (SARNET*)	Netherlands Coastguard P.O.Box 10000 Den Helder 1780 CA The Netherlands	Tel.: +31 9 000 111, +31 223 542 300 Fax: +31 223 658 358 Telex: 44 71088 KUSTW NL E-Mail: ccc@kustwacht.nl
5	Eik	Norway	AOR-E AOR-W IOR	(J)RCC Stavanger (SARNET*)	Flyplassveien 190, N-4050 Sola, Norway	Tel.: +47 51517000 (Alarm), +47 51646000 Fax: +47 51652334 E-mail: operations@jrcc-stavanger.no
6	Emeq Haela	Israel	AOR-E IOR	Haifa Coast Radio Station	Bezeq, NETS/Transmissions Northern Dev. Solel Bobe Building Huir 1, Haifa Israel	Tel.: +972 4 869 9016 Fax: +972 4 869 9017 E-Mail: haifaradio@bezeqint.net

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7	Fucino	Italy	AOR-E IOR	(M)RCC Rome	Italian Coast Guard Viale dell'Arte, 16 Rome I-00144 Italy	Tel.: +39 6 592 3569/4145 Fax: +39 6 592 2737/590 84793 Telex: +43 611172, 61456 COGECAP I E-Mail: cgcp3rep4@infrastrutturetrasporti.it
8	Ex Goonhilly @ Burum	The Netherlands	AOR-E AOR-W IOR	(M)RCC Falmouth (SARNET*)	HMCG Pendennis Point, Castle Drive Falmouth, Cornwall TR11 4WZ United Kingdom	Tel.: +44 1326 317575 Fax: +44 1326 315610 E-Mail: falmouthcoastguard@mcga.gov.uk
9	Hai Phong	Vietnam	IOR POR	RCC Vietnam	5th Floor, Vinamarine Building No 8, Phan Hung Str. Mai Dich Ward Cau Giay District Hanoi, Vietnam	Tel.: +84 4 768 3050 Fax: +84 4 768 3048 E-Mail: vmrcc@fpt.vn
10	Kumsan	Republic of Korea	IOR POR	KOMCC (Korea Mission Control Center)	Korea Coast Guard, 3-8 Songdo-Dong, Yeonsu-Gu, Incheon 406 741 Republic of Korea	Tel.: +82 32 8352352 Fax: +82 32 8589595 Telex: +801 24920 ROKNP K E-Mail: mrckorea@kcg.go.kr
11	Lakhadaria	Algeria	AOR-E	RCC D'Alger	123 Rue Tripoli Hussein Dey BP-428 Alger, Algeria	Tel.: +213 21 853256 Fax: +213 21 853260 E-Mail: mcc_alger@mdn.dz
12	Nakhodka	Russian Federation	POR	MRCC Vladivostok	State Maritime Rescue Co-ordination Centre Nizhne-Portovaya Str. 3 Vladivostok 690019 Russian Federation	Tel.: +7 4232 495522, 227782 Fax: +7 4232 495895 Telex: +64 213115 MRF RU E-Mail: vldvmrcc@vld.pma.ru
13	Nudol	Russian Federation	AOR-E IOR	SMRCC Moskva	State Maritime Rescue Co-ordination Centre Bldg 1, 1 Rozhdestvenka Str. Moscow 109012 Russian Federation	Tel.: +7 495 626 1052 Fax: +7 495 6926 7476 E-Mail: od_smrcc@morflot.ru

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14	Perth	Australia	IOR POR	RCC Australia	Australian Maritime Safety Authority, Level 3, 25 Constitution Ave GPO Box 2181 Canberra, ACT 2601 Australia	Tel.: +61 2 6230 6811 Fax: +61 2 6230 6868 E-Mail: rccaus@amsa.gov.au
15	Psary	Poland	AOR-E IOR	(M)RCC Gdynia	Polish Maritime Search and Rescue Service P.O. Box 186 10 Hryniewickiego Str. 81-340 Gdynia Poland	Tel.: +48 58 6610196 +48 58 4985745 Fax: +48 58 6610197 Telex: +63 54262 RCC PL E-Mail: rcc-polratok@polratok.com.pl
16	Pune	India	IOR	(M)RCC Mumbai	Indian Coast Guard Region West Golfia Devi Temple Road Prabha Devi Post Mumbai 400025 India	Tel.: +91 22 2431 6558 Fax: +91 22 2431 6558 (same number) Telex: +81 1171381 BMCG IN E-Mail: indsar@vsnl.net
17	Santa Paula	United States	POR	USCG Alameda	Pac Area Command Central Building 51-2, Coast Guard Island Alameda CA 94501-5100 United States	Tel.: +1 510 4373700 Fax: +1 510 437 3017 Telex: +230 172343 AAB CG ALDA E-Mail: rccalameda1@uscg.mil
18	Sentosa	Singapore	IOR POR	Port Operations Control Centre	POCC, 21 st Storey, Tanjong Pagar Complex 7B Keppel Rd. Singapore 089055 Singapore	Tel.: +65 622 65539, 632 52493, 632 52394 Fax: +65 622 79971, 622 45776 Telex: +87 20021 RS20021 E-Mail: pocc@mpa.gov.sg
19	Southbury	United States	AOR-E AOR-W	USCG Norfolk	Commander (ACC) Atlantic Area United States Coast Guard 431 Crawford St. Portsmouth VA 23704 United States	Tel.: +1 757 3986321 Fax: +1 757 3986392 Telex: +230 127775 USCG RCC NYK E-Mail: d05-smb-lantcmdctr@uscg.mil

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20	Tangua	Brazil	AOR-E	(M)RCC Brazil SALVAMAR	Commando de Operacoes Navais Salvavar Brasil Praca Barao de Ladario S/N Edificiia Almirante Tamanadare 7 Andar Rio de Janeiro R.J. Brazil 20.091-000	Tel.: +55 21 21046056 Fax: +55 21 21046038 Inmarsat-C: 471009910 E-Mail: mrccbrazil@con.mar.mil.br
21	Thermopylae*	Greece	AOR-E	(J)RCC Piraeus	Ministry of Mercantile Marine 150 G Lambraki Ave Piraeus GR 185 18 Greece	Tel.: +30 210 411 2500, 422 0772 Fax: +30 210 413 2398, 411 5798 Telex: +601 0211588 RCC GR + 601 0211254 RCC GR E-Mail: jrcpgr@mail.yen.gr
22	Yamaguchi	Japan	IOR POR	Japan Coast Guard	Operations Centre 2-1-3 Kasumigaseki Chiyoda-ku Tokyo 100-8918 Japan	Tel.: +81 3 359 19000 Fax: +81 3359 182701 E-Mail: op@kaiho.mlit.go.jp

* (M)RCCs associated with Inmarsat LES that have been declared operational on Search and Rescue Network (SARNET). SARNET is a communication broadcast system to allow international RCCs to exchange or seek SAR information by using Inmarsat-C EGC FleetNET service. (M)RCC Turku (Finland), (M)RCC Gothenburg (Sweden), (M)RCC Madrid (Spain), RCC Bermuda, (M)RCC Riga (Latvia), (M)RCC Rejkjavik (Iceland) are not associated with Inmarsat LESSs but have also been declared operational on SARNET.

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