



TECHNICAL CIRCULAR

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Subject: - Performance Standards for Float-Free Emergency Position- Indicating Radio Beacons (EPIRBs) Operating on 406 MHz

1. Introduction

MSC.471(101) recommends that Member States ensure that float-free EPIRBs operating on the frequency 406 MHz, which form part of the GMDSS.

For application of resolution MSC.471(101), the phrase "installed on or after 1 July 2022" shall be interpreted as follows:

- (a) for ships for which the building contract is placed on or after 1 July 2022, or in the absence of the contract, constructed on or after 1 July 2022, "installed on or after 1 July 2022" means any installation on the ship; and
- (b) for ships other than those ships prescribed in (a) above, "installed on or after 1 July 2022" means a contractual delivery date for the equipment or, in the absence of a contractual delivery date, the actual delivery of the equipment to the ship on or after 1 July 2022

2. Information for Ship Owner/manager

It is recommended to verify/review the above points for all ships in your fleet.

Enclosure – MSC.474(101)



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