

## Marine Notice No. 2 of 2016

*Notice to all Shipowners, Fishing Vessel Owners, Agents, Shipmasters, Skippers, Fishermen,  
Yachtsmen and Seafarers*

### Kannad SAFELINK Global EPIRB Recall

The Department of Transport, Tourism and Sport wishes to advise that it has been informed that Kannad Marine, the manufacturer of Kannad SAFELINK EPIRBs, have issued a Global Recall Safety Notice of the following affected EPIRB units:

<u>Part No.'s</u>	<u>Affected Description</u>	<u>Date Range</u>
<b>K1202311</b>	<b>EPIRB SAFELINK Manual+ GPS</b>	<b>All</b>
<b>K1202367</b>	<b>EPIRB SAFELINK Auto GPS</b>	<b>All</b>

For further information please see the attached annex, which reproduces the Global Recall Safety Notice on this matter, issued by Kannad Marine.

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Department of Transport, Tourism and Sport,  
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Encl: Annex

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Orolia Limited, owner of Kannad Marine has become aware of an issue affecting Kannad SAFELINK EPIRBs which could result in the beacon not operating in an emergency situation.

The SAFELINK EPIRB's yellow body plastic may prematurely age when subjected to specific environmental conditions which has the potential to impact on its long term effectiveness in the field. The Kannad SAFELINK EPIRB model is the only Kannad Marine product affected.

Although the issue identified may impact beacon effectiveness in a very small number of cases, we believe it is important to take broader preventative actions to respond to this situation promptly and comprehensively for your safety. That is why Kannad Marine has decided to instigate a voluntary Global Recall Program for the SAFELINK EPIRBs and would like to invite you to read carefully the following procedure.

If you suspect that you may have an affected beacon (only Safelink EPIRB auto and manual), you should not use the SAFELINK as the primary Search and Rescue beacon on board your vessel. Please register your ownership, location and contact details via the dedicated website: [www.safelinkpirbsupport.co.uk](http://www.safelinkpirbsupport.co.uk)

Once registered, Kannad Marine Support team will direct you to your local partner to arrange a replacement of your beacon with a Kannad Sport Pro + Auto or Manual, with a 5 year warranty, free of charge

For any further information, please contact Kannad Marine using one of the methods below:

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