

Marine Notice No. 13 of 2015

Notice to all Shipowners, Fishing Vessel Owners, Agents, Shipmasters, Passenger Ship Masters, Skippers, Fishermen, Yachtsmen and Seafarers

Programming of GPS Enabled EPIRBs

The Department of Transport, Tourism and Sport wishes to provide the following guidance with regard to the programming of GPS enabled EPIRBs:

- In order to ensure the greatest degree of positional accuracy in the event of a GPS EPIRB activation, all GPS EPIRBs should be programmed with Standard Location Protocol with the Maritime Mobile Service Identity (MMSI) number of the vessel.
- Failure to programme a vessel's GPS EPIRB as above, may reduce the positional information transmitted to Search and Rescue Authorities in the event of an activation.
- If a vessel has not already been issued with an MMSI number, please contact mso@dtas.ie or telephone 01-6783453 and an MMSI number will be issued.
- To check if a vessel's GPS EPIRB has been programmed with an MMSI number, please contact the EPIRB vendor.
- If a GPS enabled EPIRB has not been programmed with the vessel's MMSI number, the unit must be reprogrammed.

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