

## Marine Notice No. 47 of 2013

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

### Non-original GMDSS Product Batteries

The Department of Transport, Tourism and Sport has been advised of non-original GMDSS product batteries being promoted, sold and installed on board SOLAS convention vessels for use in GMDSS equipment required by SOLAS.

In particular, these non-original batteries are being promoted, sold and installed for use in Jotron products type **Tron 40S, Tron SART, Tron SART 20 and Tron TR-20 GMDSS**.

For further information, please see the attached Annex, which reproduces a safety notice on this matter, issued by Jotron.

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Maritime Safety Directorate,  
Department of Transport, Tourism and Sport,  
Leeson Lane, Dublin 2, Ireland.

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Encl.: Annex

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## **WARNING**

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#### **Attention: Distributors, Dealers, Partners, Class-Society and Ship-owners**

Jotron AS has become aware of non-original GMDSS product batteries being promoted, sold and installed for use on Jotron products type **Tron 40S, Tron SART, Tron SART 20 and Tron TR-20 GMDSS.**

The non-original battery modules discovered by Jotron are being manufactured in China, labeled with Chinese text and bearing **CCS approval. No CQ07T00007.**

**Jotron AS have been in formal contact with Notified Bodies, who are responsible for the MED-approval for the products mentioned above. The Notified Bodies have confirmed that the use of non-original manufacturer batteries is an infringement of the original product's MED-approval.**

**Cospas-Sarsat, who are responsible for approving EPIRB`s to operate within the Cospas-Sarsat satellite-system have also confirmed that the use of non-original manufacturer batteries for Tron 40S do not comply to Certificate/TAC.no 95 and therefore cannot be considered as a Cospas-Sarsat approved EPIRB.**

Several Class-societies and The Norwegian Maritime Authority have been contacted and have formally expressed their concern that non-original batteries are being used on Jotron GMDSS safety products.

We strongly recommend contacting your nearest Jotron Service Agent when your Jotron GMDSS products require battery service. Details of all our agents can be found in the Maritime section of our website [jotron.com](http://jotron.com)

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