

MARINE DEPARTMENT NOTICE NO. 187 OF 2005

(Miscellaneous Information)

Cospas-Sarsat Phase-Out of 121.5/243 MHz Alerting Services

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT with effect from 1 February 2009, the International Cospas-Sarsat System will only process distress alerts generated from 406 MHz beacons (i.e. the processing of 121.5/243 MHz beacons will be ceased). This affects all 121.5/243 MHz beacons, which may include some maritime beacons (Emergency Position Indicating Radio Beacons), aviation beacons (Emergency Locator Terminals) and personal beacons (Personal Locator Beacons).

2. All 121.5/243 MHz beacon owners are advised to replace their beacons with 406 MHz beacons before 1 February 2009. They may consider replacing the beacons earlier when batteries are due for renewal.

3. All beacon owners of Hong Kong registered ships or local craft shall register their beacons with the Office of the Telecommunications Authority. Enquiries can be made through the following:

Organization: Office of the Telecommunications Authority
(OFTA)
Address: 29/F, Wu Chung House,
213 Queen's Road East,
Wanchai, Hong Kong.
Tel: (852) 2961 6608
Fax: (852) 2803 5113

4. Registration forms can also be downloaded from web page of OFTA :

<http://www.ofta.gov.hk/zh/howto/forms/f210-01.pdf>

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