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## HONG KONG MERCHANT SHIPPING INFORMATION NOTE

### Guidelines for Shore-based Maintenance of Satellite EPIRBs

*To : Shipowners, Ship Managers, Ship Operators, Shore-based Maintenance Providers, Classification Societies, Ship Masters and Officers*

#### *Summary*

The purpose of this Note is to promulgate the Guidelines for Shore-based Maintenance of Satellite EPIRBs. This Note supersedes Hong Kong Merchant Shipping Information Note No. 20/2002.

1. The Maritime Safety Committee of the IMO, at its 75<sup>th</sup> session in May 2002, approved the “Guidelines for shore-based maintenance of satellite EPIRBs” as annexed to IMO circular MSC/Circ.1039.
2. The purpose of the guidelines is to establish standardized procedures and minimum levels of service for the testing and maintenance of satellite EPIRBs to ensure maximum reliability whilst minimizing the risk of false distress alerts.
3. The circular MSC/Circ.1039 can be found on the webpage of Marine Department (<http://www.mardep.gov.hk/en/msnote/msin.html>) as an attachment to this Note.
4. Shipowners, ship managers, ship operators, shore-based maintenance providers, classification societies, ship masters and officers are requested to familiarize themselves with the information provided in these guidelines. Shore-based maintenance providers are recommended to follow these guidelines when carrying out the maintenance of the satellite EPIRBs.
5. This Note supersedes Hong Kong Merchant Shipping Information Note No. 20/2002.

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