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To Australian Shipowners and Ship Managers

List of Ship Stations and Maritime Mobile Service Identity Assignments, International Telecommunication Union, 2011

On the 30 May 2010, the International Telecommunication Union (ITU) issued Circular CM/20 "*List of Ship Stations and Maritime Mobile Service Identity Assignments (List V) First (1st) edition, March 2011*".

This new publication will be a consolidation of the existing *List of Ship Stations* (List V) and the *List of Call signs and Numerical Identities* (List VIIA), which will be discontinued.

Vessels subject to the *International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea* (SOLAS), are required to carry these publications, and will be required to carry the new publication after it becomes available.

The ITU and AMSA seek to ensure that the information contained therein is correct, and is asking administrations to submit information by the 15 November 2010 for inclusion in the new publication. As is currently the case, the information will be available electronically via the internet on the ITU Maritime mobile Access and Retrieval System (MARS) web portal:

http://www.itu.int/online/mms/mars/ship_search.sh

AMSA wishes to ensure that the information listed for the Australian SOLAS fleet is correct at the time of publication. AMSA urges owners, managers and operators of Australian vessels to complete a *Simplified Notification Form (Ship Stations)* for each vessel and submit to AMSA (vesseltracking@amsa.gov.au) by **30 October 2010**. AMSA will then collate all responses and submit electronically to the ITU on behalf of Australia.

Similarly, operators and managers of overseas-registered vessels should contact their maritime/radio administrations to ensure that their respective vessel's details are correctly.

It should be noted that the mandatory ITU information is Ship (Vessel Name) and either the Call Sign or MMSI (Maritime Mobile Service Identity) Number. However, AMSA believes that the Call Sign, MMSI, Inmarsat Number(s), IMO Number and AAIC (Accounting Authority Identification Code/s), are the minimum fields to be listed. The form is designed to be automatically e-mailed to AMSA on completion.

The *Simplified Notification Form (Ship Stations)* and other information relating to the fields and ITU Circular CM/20 is available at: <http://www.amsa.gov.au/vesseltracking>

Further enquiries can be directed to vesseltracking@amsa.gov.au or telephone 02 6279 5092.

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