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## **AMENDMENTS TO THE REVISED INTERNATIONAL SAFETYNET MANUAL**

- 1 The Maritime Safety Committee, at its 101st session (5 to 14 June 2019), approved amendments to the *Revised international SafetyNET manual* (MSC.1/Circ.1364/Rev.1), as set out in the annex, prepared by the Sub-Committee on Navigation, Communications and Search and Rescue (NCSR), at its sixth session (16 to 25 January 2019).
- 2 Member States are invited to use the revised Manual, as appropriate, and to bring it to the attention of all parties concerned.
- 3 Member States are also invited to note that the annexed amendments to the revised Manual should become effective on 1 January 2020.
- 4 This circular amends MSC.1/Circ.1364/Rev.1.

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**ANNEX**

**REVISED INTERNATIONAL SAFETYNET MANUAL**

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- 1 Annex 1 is replaced with the following:

"ANNEX 1

**IMO Enhanced Group Call\* Coordinating Panel**

**1 Terms of reference**

To coordinate the development and use of the International Enhanced Group Call (EGC) service, and in particular to:

- .1 develop operating methods for the effective use of the EGC services, including consideration of the need for scheduled broadcasts;
- .2 develop documentation in support of the EGC services, in particular the IMO manuals of the recognized mobile satellite service providers;
- .3 advise recognized mobile satellite service providers and potential registered information providers on all aspects of the EGC services, including system access and effective operation;
- .4 develop criteria and establish means for the approval and registration of potential information providers to ensure worldwide coverage is achieved and maintained, and ensure agreements are conducted with all recognized mobile satellite service providers serving the required sea area;
- .5 coordinate the registration of potential information providers; and
- .6 promote a proper understanding of the benefits and use of the EGC services amongst the wider maritime community.

**2 Contact address**

The IMO Enhanced Group Call Coordinating Panel can be contacted at the following address:

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\* *Enhanced Group Call (EGC)* means the broadcast of coordinated Maritime Safety Information and Search and Rescue related information, to a defined geographical area using a recognized mobile satellite service.

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Email: [ncsr@imo.org](mailto:ncsr@imo.org) (in subject line add: "for Chair, IMO Enhanced Group Call Coordinating Panel")

### **3 Panel membership**

3.1 The IMO Enhanced Group Call Coordinating Panel is open to membership by all Member Governments and also includes one member nominated by each of the following international organizations:

- .1 International Maritime Organization (IMO)
- .2 International Hydrographic Organization (IHO)
- .3 World Meteorological Organization (WMO)
- .4 International Mobile Satellite Organization (IMSO)

3.2 The following may be represented as observers on the panel:

- .1 IHO World-Wide Navigational Warning Service Sub-Committee
- .2 IMO NAVTEX Coordinating Panel
- .3 World-Wide Met-Ocean Information and Warning Service Committee (WWMIWS-C) of the Joint WMO-IOC Technical Commission for Oceanography and Marine Meteorology (JCOMM)
- .4 Single representative from each recognized mobile satellite service provider."

2 Annex 2 is replaced with the following:

## "ANNEX 2

### **Authorization, certification and registration of Enhanced Group Call information providers**

Two distinct and separate processes, Authorization and Certification, should be completed before an information provider will be granted Registration to access the International Enhanced Group Call (EGC) service. They have been established to protect the integrity of the EGC information service and clearly establish a qualification to the special EGC tariff.

#### **1 Authorization**

1.1 Authorization is carried out by IMO in consultation with IHO and WMO, as appropriate.

1.2 In order to obtain authorization to broadcast maritime safety information and/or search and rescue related information through the International Enhanced Group Call service, an information provider should apply to the relevant international organization for approval to participate in the internationally coordinated service:

Hydrographic authorities – to IHO;

Meteorological authorities – to WMO;

Search and rescue authorities – to IMO;

The International Ice Patrol – to IMO;

Others – to IMO.

1.3 In considering such applications, the relevant international organizations will take into account:

.1 the established and expected availability of other information sources for the area concerned; and

.2 the need to minimize duplication of information as much as possible.

1.4 The relevant international organization will inform IMO of endorsed applications.

## **2 Certification**

2.1 On receipt of IMO authorization, the IMO Enhanced Group Call Coordinating Panel will issue a Certificate of Authorization to participate in the International Enhanced Group Call service directly to the information provider with a copy to IMO or IHO or WMO, as well as to the recognized mobile satellite service provider concerned. A specimen Certificate of Authorization is shown at the end of this annex.

2.2 The IMO Enhanced Group Call Coordinating Panel will maintain the master list of all registered information providers and circulate it to IMO, IHO and WMO Secretariats, and the recognized mobile satellite service provider concerned.

## **3 Registration**

3.1 After receiving a Certificate of Authorization, an information provider should conclude an agreement with the recognized mobile satellite service provider concerned, serving the required sea area(s), to obtain access to the system.

3.2 This will involve, in addition to the contractual aspects, registration of the information provider's identity which should be programmed into the control equipment of the recognized mobile satellite service provider.

3.3 Recognized mobile satellite service providers will only register information providers who have received a Certificate of Authorization from the IMO Enhanced Group Call Coordinating Panel.

## **4 Contact addresses**

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**5 Sample Certificate of Authorization**

**(Sample to be developed, as appropriate)"**

3 Annex 6 is replaced with the following:

"ANNEX 6

**Procedure for amending the International SafetyNET Manual**

1 Proposals for amendment or enhancement of the International SafetyNET Manual should be submitted to the IMO Maritime Safety Committee through the Sub-Committee on Navigation, Communications and Search and Rescue (NCSR).

2 Amendments to this Manual should be approved at intervals as determined by the Maritime Safety Committee. Amendments approved by the Maritime Safety Committee will be notified to all concerned and will come into force on 1 January of the following year, or at another date as decided by the Committee.

3 The agreement of the International Hydrographic Organization, International Mobile Satellite Organization, the World Meteorological Organization and the active participation of other bodies should be sought, according to the nature of the proposed amendments."