

BAHAMAS MARITIME AUTHORITY

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COMMISSIONING OF INMARSAT TERMINALS

As a result of the change in the status of Inmarsat, from an intergovernmental organisation to a commercial private limited company, the Bahamas Maritime Authority will no longer be able to undertake the commissioning of INMARSAT terminals.

NEW ARRANGEMENTS

From 15 April, 2001 commercial companies approved by Inmarsat to act as Points of Service Activation (PSAs) will undertake the commissioning and decommissioning of Inmarsat terminals.

Inmarsat should be contacted directly for details of authorised PSAs on:

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Where changes in existing Inmarsat terminal services or deactivation of terminals is required, the new PSA should be approached to perform the work. These services can no longer be performed by the Bahamas Maritime Authority.

SERVICES TO EXISTING TERMINALS

Inmarsat services to existing terminals on Bahamian ships will not be interrupted by the above changes.

These services will be transferred by Inmarsat to an authorised PSA. In many cases the new PSA will be the existing Accounting Authority (AAIC) or Inmarsat Service Provider (ISP) for the terminals. If, however, the Accounting Authority nor Inmarsat Service Provider is authorised as a PSA, Inmarsat will act temporarily to provide the service until the user chooses a new authorised PSA.

INQUIRIES

All inquiries relating to these new arrangements should be addressed in the first instance to Inmarsat.

MMSI NUMBERS

The Bahamas Maritime Authority will continue to allocate MMSI numbers for Bahamian registered ships.