



INFORMATION BULLETIN No. 19

Commissioning/Decommissioning of Inmarsat Terminals and allocation of MMSI Numbers

Guidance and Instructions for Bahamas Recognised Organisations, Bahamas Approved Nautical Inspectors, Ship Owners, Managers and Masters

1. Purpose

- 1.1. This Bulletin provides information on commissioning and decommissioning of Inmarsat terminals and allocation of MMSI numbers to Bahamian ships.

2. Application

- 2.1. This Bulletin applies to all Bahamian ships fitted with Inmarsat terminals.

3. Commissioning & Decommissioning

- 3.1. Since 2001, commercial companies approved by Inmarsat to act as Points of Service Activation (PSA) have undertaken commissioning and decommissioning of Inmarsat terminals.
- 3.2. Details of authorised PSAs are available from Inmarsat at www.inmarsat.com.
- 3.3. Where a change in existing Inmarsat terminal services or deactivation of terminals is required, a PSA should be approached to perform the work. These services are not provided by the Bahamas Maritime Authority (BMA).
- 3.4. In many cases, the PSA will also be the Accounting Authority (AAIC) or Inmarsat Service Provider (ISP) for the terminal.

- 3.5. Any enquiries related to commissioning or decommissioning of Inmarsat terminals should be addressed to the PSA or Inmarsat.

4. MMSI Numbers

- 4.1. The BMA continues to allocate MMSI numbers to Bahamian ships on behalf of the Bahamas Utilities Regulation and Competition Authority (URCA).
- 4.2. Any enquiries related to MMSI numbers should be addressed to the BMA Registration department (reg@bahamasmaritime.com) in the first instance.

5. Revision History

Rev.1 (03 May 2016) – General revision and update to new format

Rev.0 (12 April 2011) – First issue