



TECHNICAL ALERT No. 16-07

Voluntary Recall of Kannad SAFELINK EPIRBs

1. Introduction

- 1.1. This Technical Alert is related to SAFELINK automatic and manual Emergency Position Indicating Radio Beacons (EPIRBs), manufactured by Kannad Marine.
- 1.2. The Bahamas Maritime Authority wishes to bring the information referenced in Paragraph 2 to the attention of interested parties¹.

2. Kannad SAFELINK EPIRBs – voluntary recall

- 2.1. Kannad Marine has instigated a voluntary global recall for its SAFELINK automatic and manual EPIRBs.
- 2.2. The SAFELINK EPIRB's yellow body plastic may prematurely age when subjected to specific environmental conditions, which has the potential to impact on its long term effectiveness in the field and could result in the EPIRB not operating in an emergency.
- 2.3. The Kannad SAFELINK EPIRB model is the only Kannad Marine product affected.
- 2.4. Although the issue identified may impact beacon effectiveness in a very small number of cases, Kannad Marine and its owner, Orolia Limited, believes it is important to take broader preventative actions to respond to this situation promptly and comprehensively for the safety of ships using these EPIRBs.
- 2.5. Kannad Marine has therefore instigated a voluntary global recall program for the SAFELINK EPIRBs.

¹ This Technical Alert is provided by the Bahamas Maritime Authority with the aim of highlighting incidents, lessons learnt and to increase awareness, which may help avoid similar incidents occurring elsewhere. Any queries on the content of the information provided should be referred to the party providing the information.

2.6. Further details are available on the Kannad Marine website at <http://kannadmarine.com/en/product-recall>.

3. Validity

3.1. This alert is valid until further notice.

4. Revision History

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