
Commissioning of INMARSAT terminals and issue of MMSI Numbers

Notice to ship owners, managers, Masters, Approved Nautical Inspectors, Recognised Organisations and surveyors

This Notice supersedes BMA Information Bulletin No.19

1. Purpose

- 1.1. This Information Notice (IN) provides information on commissioning and decommissioning of Inmarsat terminals and allocation of MMSI numbers to Bahamian ships.

2. Application

- 2.1. This Notice applies to all ships

3. Commissioning and 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.

