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## **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*

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### **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](http://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](mailto:reg@bahamasmaritime.com)) in the first instance.

**Revision History**

Version	Description of Revision
1.0	First Issue
1.1	Correction of reference in header to Bulletin 19, updated branding
1.2	Updated branding