

Subject

Radio Log Books on Marshall Islands Flag GMDSS ships

ClassNK

Technical Information

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To whom it may concern

Marshall Islands Administration has notified ClassNK of Radio Log Books on Marshall Islands Flag GMDSS ships as per attached.

Please find outlines of the notice hereunder. For further detail of the notice, please refer to Maritime Notice No. 4-033-7 attached.

1. Composition of Radio Logbooks

The radio logbook is to be comprised of the following three sections:

- (A) Particulars of Ship,
- (B) Details of Radio Personnel, and
- (C) Record of Communications (The Master will inspect and sign each day's entries.)

If a conventional radio logbook which does not have spaces for information in sections (A) and (B) is used, the required information in sections (A) and (B) may be typed on a separate paper and attached to the inside front cover of the conventional radio logbook.

2. Retention of Radio Logbooks

- At the termination of each voyage, or not less frequently than semi-annually, the radio logbooks shall be forwarded to the shipowner and/or operator.
- The shipowner and/or operator shall retain all forwarded radio logbooks for a period of at least two (2) years from the date of receipt.

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1. Marine Notice No. 4-033-7

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**REPUBLIC OF
THE MARSHALL ISLANDS**

**OFFICE OF THE
MARITIME ADMINISTRATOR**

Marine Notice

No. 4-033-7

Rev. 6/09

**TO: ALL SHIPOWNERS, OPERATORS, MASTERS AND OFFICERS OF
MERCHANT SHIPS, AND RECOGNIZED ORGANIZATIONS**

SUBJECT: GMDSS Radio Logbooks.

Reference: Regulation 17 of Chapter IV of SOLAS 74 (as amended 1988)

PURPOSE:

This Notice establishes the requirement that a record be kept “of all incidents connected with the radio communication service which appear to be of importance to safety of life at sea.” This Notice supersedes Rev. 10/06.

APPLICABILITY:

This Notice applies to all Marshall Islands flag vessels equipped with GMDSS ship radio stations.

REQUIREMENTS:

1.0 Regulations

The Marshall Islands Administration requires this record, to be known as the GMDSS Radio Logbook, to be kept on the navigation bridge, convenient to the radio installation and made available for inspection by Radio Surveyors and other authorized personnel.

2.0 Composition

The logbook is to be comprised of three sections:

2.1 Section (A) - particulars of Ship:

- .1 ship's name;
- .2 call sign and official number;
- .3 port of registry;

- .4 gross tonnage;
- .5 IMO number;
- .6 sea areas in which ship is authorized to sail;
- .7 date of expiration of current Safety Radio Certificate;
- .8 date of expiration of current Ship Radio Station License;
- .9 method(s) used to ensure availability of radio facilities:
 - .1 duplication of equipment;
 - .2 shore-based maintenance giving details of name and address of service company;
 - .3 at-sea maintenance capability; and
- .10 name and address of owner, manager or agent.

2.2 Section (B) - details of radio personnel:

- .1 name(s);
- .2 dates on board;
- .3 certificate number(s);
- .4 class of certificate(s);
- .5 name of person designated for radio communications during emergencies; and
- .6 name of person nominated to carry out appropriate tests, checks and log entries.

2.3 Section (C) - record of communications.

- .1 The GMDSS radio logbook will record the following as they occur, together with the time of occurrence:
 - .1 a summary of communications relating to distress, urgency and safety traffic;
 - .2 a record of important incidents connected with the radio service; and
 - .3 where appropriate, the position of the ship at least once a day.
- .2 The Master will inspect and sign each day's entries in the GMDSS Radio Logbook.
- .3 An example of a GMDSS record of communications is included as Appendix A.

3.0 Records Retention

- 3.1 Retention of GMDSS Radio Logbooks will be in accordance with Marshall Islands Maritime Regulations (MI-108, Chapter 7, section 7.41.2g) as follows: "At the termination of each voyage, or not less frequently than semi-annually, the logs shall be forwarded to the shipowner and/or operator. All such logs shall be retained for a period of at least two (2) years from the date of receipt. In the event of a casualty occurring during a voyage covered by such log books, they shall be retained for so long as instructed by the Maritime Administrator."
- 3.2 If logbooks containing printed spaces for the information in Sections (A) and (B) are not available, the required information may be typed on a separate sheet of paper and attached to the inside front cover of a conventional logbook as an addendum.
- 3.3 If electronic logbooks are kept, please reference Marshall Islands Marine Notice 7-041-5 for requirements.

