

Subject

Radio Records for Singapore flagged vessels

# **ClassNK**

## ***Technical Information***

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To whom it may concern

The MARITIME AND PORT AUTHORITY OF SINGAPORE has notified ClassNK of radio records.

1. The radio records are prescribed in Regulation 17 of Chapter IV of 1974 SOLAS as amended.  
The entries of incidents connected with the radiocommunication service which appear to be of importance to safe of life at sea are referred to the MARINE CIRCULAR TO SHIPOWNERS No.6 OF 2003 issued by the Authority.
2. The radio records need not be in any prescribed format or booklet and may be kept in the form of incident records or journal entries.  
The records should be kept on board the ship for at least a year.

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Attached: MARINE CIRCULAR TO SHIPOWNERS No.6 OF 2003

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MARITIME AND PORT AUTHORITY OF SINGAPORE

MARINE CIRCULAR TO SHIPOWNERS  
NO. 6 OF 2003

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**Applicable to:** Masters and officers of Singapore ships.

**RADIO RECORDS (SOLAS REG IV/17)**

Regulation IV/17 (Radio records) of SOLAS 74 requires ships to keep a record of all incidents connected with the radiocommunication service which appear to be of importance to safety of life at sea.

2 This Circular is to advise that the radio records required by Regulation IV/17 need not be in any prescribed format or booklet. Essentially, for the purpose of this regulation, records retrievable in any form should be kept of the following information as and when they occur:

- (a) summary of communications relating to distress, urgency and safety traffic;
- (b) reference to any important service incidents.

3 The date, time (Universal Co-ordinated Time) and position of the ship should be recorded to complement the above information.

4 Reference to any important service incidents includes:

- (a) a breakdown or serious malfunction of the service provider, i.e. coast stations, coast earth stations or satellited;
- (b) adverse propagation conditions, i.e. ionospheric, static, atmospheric noise or general interference;
- (c) serious breaches of radio procedures by other stations;
- (d) any significant incidents concerning the exchange of commercial traffic such as disagreements over charges.

and the non-receipt of message and

- (e) false alerts; i.e. any alerts inadvertently activated and record of communications to cancel the false alerts.

5 MPA will cease to print the GMDSS log books once the current stock runs out. Radio records may be kept in the form of incident records or journal entries. The records should be kept on board the ship for at least a year.

6 Any queries relating to this circular should be directed to Mr. Tan Leong Beng at 6375 6207.

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