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Radio Service Publications, Radio Log-Book and Radio Personnel on board Australian registered GMDSS ships

# **ClassNK**

## **Technical Information**

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To whom it may concern

The Australian Government (AMSA) has notified ClassNK of Radio Service Publications, Radio Log-Book and Radio Personnel on board Australian registered GMDSS ships by their Marine Order Part 27 Issue 4 as follows:

1. Radio Service Publications to be fitted on board the GMDSS ships;
  - (1) a copy of the current edition of the Handbook for GMDSS Ship Station Operators, published by AMSA;
  - (2) the current edition of the Marine Radio Operator Handbook, published by the Australian Maritime College in electronic or printed form;
  - (3) a copy of the current edition of the Marine Orders Part 27 in electronic or printed form;
  - (4) a copy of the current edition of the Manual for Use by the Maritime Mobile and Maritime Mobile-Satellite Services, published by the International Telecommunication Union in electronic or printed form;
  - (5) a copy of the current edition of the Admiralty List of Radio Signals, published by the Hydrographer of the Navy (UK) in electronic or printed form;
  - (6) a copy of the current edition of the List of Ship Stations, published by the International Telecommunications Union in electronic or printed form;
  - (7) a copy of the current edition of the Alphabetical List of Call Signs and Numerical Table of Identities of Stations used by the Maritime Mobile Service and Maritime Mobile-Satellite Service, published by the International Telecommunication Union in electronic or printed form; and
  - (8) The ship's Radio Log-Book (The Log-Book is available from AMSA offices).  
(Note) Electronic versions of the radio service publications should be officially issued by an administration or other relevant approved organization.
  
2. The ship's Radio Log-Book is to include the following matters:
  - (1) a summary of communications relating to distress, urgency and safety traffic;
  - (2) records of all test calls conducted;
  - (3) records of specific gravity checks of radio reserve battery; and
  - (4) references to important service incidents and to failures in radio installations.

(To be continued)

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3. Radio Personnel:

- (1) Each person in charge of navigational watch and each person in charge of or performing radio duties must hold a valid GMDSS Certificate (General Operator's Certificate : GOC or Radio Electronic Certificate : REC).
- (2) When a ship adopts at-sea electronic maintenance as one of the maintenance methods, at least one person on board is required to hold either First Class Radio Electronic Certificate(1st class REC) or Second Class Radio Electronic Certificate(2nd class REC).
- (3) Subject to (5), on a passenger ship, at least one person other than the Master and Deck Officers must hold a valid GMDSS Certificate.
- (4) One of the persons specified in (1), (2) or (3) must be designated on the Muster List as having primary responsibility for radio communications during distress situations.
- (5) Where on a passenger ship sufficient deck officers are available to cover all other roles normally filled by deck officers during emergencies or distress situations, the Manager, Ship Operation and Qualifications, may accept a deck officer as the person having primary responsibility for radio communications during distress situations.

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