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Product Recall – EPIRB s

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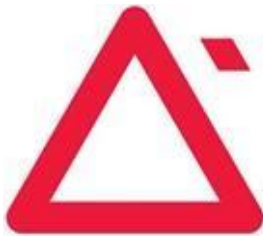
**Attention is brought to the attached notice received from Standard Communications Pty
Ltd in regard to EPIRB models MT400/MT401/MT403**

Richard Montado
Maritime Administrator

Issue date:

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Product Safety Recall

GME EMERGENCY POSITION INDICATING RADIO BEACONS (EPIRBs)

MT400/MT401/MT403

Standard Communications Pty Ltd designs and manufactures a range of Emergency Position Indicating Radio Beacons (EPIRBs) marketed globally under the GME brand.

Problem

After exhaustive testing we have identified a fault in the microprocessor of certain units that effectively shuts the beacon down. We are concerned that the beacon may not work in an emergency situation.

Action

In consultation with national maritime authorities, Standard Communications has decided to recall certain EPIRBs manufactured between January 2005 and February 2008.

The affected units are the MT400, MT401 and MT403 beacons with serial numbers between 50101000 and 80250722.

What should you do?

If you have a GME EPIRB, please check the model number and serial number. The serial number can be found on the left side of the beacon at the base of the identity panel.

If you own one of the affected units listed above, please contact GME at recall@gme.net.au or your local distributor to arrange a replacement of your beacon at no extra charge.

Standard Communications would also like to take this opportunity to remind all EPIRB users, regardless of the brand, to regularly test the unit. There should be a simple self-test mechanism on all units. You should also ensure that beacon batteries are replaced at intervals recommended by the manufacturer.

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