



Shipping Guidance Notice 127
MGN 562 (M+F) Amendment 4 Radio:
Radio regulations amendments and
GMDSS radio equipment updates

To: Ship Owners, Operators, Master's, Certifying Authorities and Recognised Organisations

1. Details

Shipping Guidance Notice to all Ship Builders, Vessel Owners, Vessel Operators, Masters, Skippers, Officers, Certifying Authorities and to Marine Radio Companies.

This notice should be read with the ITU Radio Regulations as amended, Admiralty List of Radio Signals (ALRS), IMO MSC.1/Circ. 1460/Rev.4, Guidance on the validity of radiocommunication equipment installed and used on ships, and IMO MSC.1/Circ. 1389, Guidance on procedures for updating shipborne navigation and radiocommunication equipment.

2. Summary

Marine Guidance Note (MGN) 562 (M+F) appended to this notice, draws attention to the revised application date of IMO MSC.1/Circ. 1460, as it relates to the changes made in the Radio Regulations (Appendix 17 and 18) affecting VHF and HF communications and equipment.

Though MGN 562 (M+F) may not require the replacement of marine radio equipment installed and used on-board, it is however, the responsibility of a vessel's owner to consider, based upon the area of operation, whether an update or replacement of the on-board radio equipment is necessary.

In respect of MGN 562 (M+F):

- Where reference is made to UK vessels, this should be taken to include Gibraltar registered vessels; and,
- Where reference is made to the UK Maritime and Coast Guard Agency (MCA), this is to be taken to include the Gibraltar Maritime Administration.

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For & on behalf of the Maritime Administrator

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