



Closure of Inmarsat Fleet 77 Service

Notice to all owners, operators, masters, surveyors and radio operators for vessels using Inmarsat Fleet 77 services.

This MIN expires 31 March 2021

Summary

This Marine Information Note is a reminder of the scheduled closure of Inmarsat Global Limited (Inmarsat) Fleet F77 service by 1 December 2020.

1. Introduction/ Background

- 1.1 Inmarsat Fleet 77, which supports Inmarsat Fleet 77 ship earth stations, is a Global Maritime Distress and Safety System compliant service that integrates satellite communication services providing voice communications. Fleet 77 is not mandatory under the carriage requirements of the International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea 1974 (SOLAS).
- 1.2 In 2015, the International Mobile Satellite Organization (IMSO) informed the Sub-Committee on Navigation, Communications and Search and Rescue of the International Maritime Organization (IMO) of the scheduled closure of the Inmarsat Fleet 77 service by 1 December 2020.

2. Withdrawal of Fleet 77

- 2.1 The Maritime Coastguard Agency (MCA) would like to draw the attention of UK Shipowners and all concerned parties, to the imminent scheduled closure of Inmarsat Fleet 77 service by 1 December 2020. All terminals associated with the retired service will be deactivated on the network and the service will no longer be available to customers.



More Information

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