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To ALL SHIPOWNERS, OPERATORS, MASTERS AND OFFICERS OF MERCHANT SHIPS,
RO/RSO, RAA/SURVEYORS
Subject Radio Accounting Authorities

PURPOSE:

This Circular explains the radio message accounting procedures required by the Directorate of Merchant Shipping.

APPLICABILITY:

This Circular applies to all seafarers & merchant marine registered vessels equipped with ship radio stations.

REQUIREMENTS:

1.0 The International Telecommunication Union (ITU) Convention currently in force provides for Accounting Authorities to settle maritime radio communication accounts for ships under Ship registry.

2.0 Due to the many problems occurring in international radio maritime accounting, no ship is entitled to be registered or to maintain registration under registry unless the owner has entered into a valid contract with an authorized radio service company under the terms of which the company assumes the accounting obligation and may assume responsibility for obtaining the vessel's Ship Radio Station License.

3.0 It is mandatory that the approved Accounting Authority that has contracted with the owner of the vessel to settle all international maritime radio traffic charges for radio communications from ship to shore, both terrestrial and satellite.

4.0 The Accounting Authority for the vessel has assumed full responsibility for the payment of the radio communication charges and has further given a guaranty to the Nicaragua that no charges will accrue to the account of Ship Registry and, therefore, ensures that the guaranty remains fully effective. It is imperative that all radio traffic charges are sent to the Accounting Authority only and not to any third party.

5.0 ITU-T Recommendation limits the number of accounting authorities based in other countries that the Administration may recognize to twenty-five (25). The radio service companies approved by this Administration are listed in the list of authorized RAA.

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