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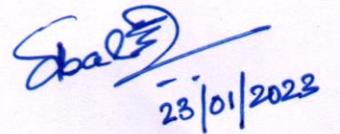
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**Subject: Operational of Iridium Safety Cast Service for NAVAREA-VIII under World-Wide Navigational Warning Service (WWNWS)- reg.**

1. RECALLING that SOLAS regulation IV/12.2 requires “Every ship, while at sea, shall maintain a radio watch for broadcast of maritime safety information (MSI) on the appropriate frequencies for the NAVAREA in which the ship is navigating”.
2. RECOGNIZING that, maritime safety information service of the GMDSS under World-Wide Navigational Warning Service (WWNWS) is an internationally and nationally coordinated network service for the promulgation and broadcast of maritime safety information (MSI) for safe navigation of vessels. This MSI is being received by shipboard equipment which automatically monitors the appropriate transmission, displays relevant information to the ship and provides data saving and print capability.
3. CONSIDERING that the requirement of maritime safety information (MSI) is of vital concern to all ships, the NAVAREA VIII Coordinator (NHO) has established ‘TRIAL’ of Iridium Safety Cast Service in NAVAREA VIII since October 2020.
4. DECLARES that the Iridium Safety Cast Service has been fully OPERATIONAL with effect from 1<sup>ST</sup> JANUARY 2023 in the NAVAREA VIII- Indian Region.
5. NOTIFYING that vessels equipped with Iridium GMDSS Satellite Communication system and navigating in navigable waters of NAVAREA VIII – Indian Region, will now receive maritime safety information (MSI).

This is issued with the approval of Director General of Shipping and Additional Secretary to the Govt. of India.

  
23/01/2023

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