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INTERNATIONAL SHIPS REGISTRY OF GUINEA-BISSAU

Marine Circular
Nr. 10/ 2022, 23/11/2022

Subject: “ Radio Services Accounting Authorities Approval”

Ref.: (a) ITU-T Recommendation D.90 (03/95)
(b) G-B I.S.R. List of Approved Accounting Authorities (stand Nov. 2022).
(c) Code of Operation of the Guinea-Bissau International Ships Registry, Part 2.12 Ships Registration, Documents necessary for registration.

To: All shipowners, ship operators and managers, ship masters, officers, authorized Classification Organizations, and approved Accounting Authorities by the G-B I.S.R.

Summary: The current Mar. Cir. provides the requirements and procedures for approving and monitoring maritime mobile and maritime mobile-satellite radio services Accounting Authorities and lists the Accounting Authorities approved by the G-B I.S.R., as per the current point of time.

Applicability

1. This Mar. Cir. applies to all G-B I.S.R. flagged vessels equipped with ship radio stations and to all entities requesting approval or approved as a Radio Accounting Authority by the G-B I.S.R.

Background

2. The International Telecommunication Union (ITU) Convention currently in force provides for Accounting Authorities to settle maritime radiocommunication accounts for ships licensed with G-B. I.S.R.

3. Bearing under consideration a wide variety of problems generally occurring in international radio maritime accounting, no ship is entitled to be registered or to maintain registration under the G-B I.S.R. unless the owner shall have entered into a valid contract with an authorized radio service company pursuant to the terms of which the latter assumes the accounting obligation and may assume responsibility for obtaining the vessel's Ship Radio Station License.

4. It is mandatory that all international maritime radio traffic charges for radiocommunications from ship to shore, both terrestrial and satellite, shall be settled by the approved Accounting Authority under the contract with the owner of the vessel. The Accounting Authority shall notify the Administrator of the vessels for which it has assumed full responsibility for the payment of the radiocommunication incurred through its maritime mobile station, ensuring, as required by the ITU Convention, that these payments are made in accordance with the applicable ITU Regulations and Recommendation D.90 and international practice within the maritime domain.

Procedural Requirements of the G-B I.S.R.

5. The approved Accounting Authority service provider for the vessel shall be fully responsible for the payment of the radio and satellite communication charges including all activation and deactivation fees. All shipowners, operators, and managers should ensure that all radio and satellite communication charges are sent to the approved Accounting Authority and not to any other third party.

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6. The list, as per Appendix 1 to the current Mar. Cir. of radio service companies approved by this Administration as radio Accounting Authorities will be updated periodically by the Office of the General Ships Registrar, as entities are added or removed from the list and published in their current version as appropriate.
7. All ships in the process of being registered with the G-B I.S.R. or are to maintain registration under the G-B I.S.R. shall have entered into a valid contract with a Radio Accounting Authority. Confirmation of such a contract should be sent to the G-B I.S.R. Technical Department (tech@gbi-lb.org) with a copy to the G-B I.S.R. GSR Office (G-B International gbi@gbistr.com). The Confirmation can be sent directly by the Radio Accounting Authority or by the shipowner or operator.
8. In the event that an approved Accounting Authority does not remit proper and timely payments on behalf of the ship station licensee:
- The ship station licensee will be responsible for making arrangements for another approved Accounting Authority to perform future settlements;
 - The ship station licensee will settle any outstanding accounts due to radio stations or communications entities;
 - The G-B. I.S.R. will not be liable for any outstanding accounts due to radio stations, approved Accounting Authorities, or any other communications entities.

Approval of Radio Accounting Authority

9. Radio Accounting Authorities are approved only by the G-B I.S.R. Applications for approval of Radio Accounting Authorities are to be sent to the G-B I.S.R., as per the attached format in Appendix 2 of this Mar. Cir. (Application for Approval of Radio Accounting Authorities). The application shall be signed by the individual, partner, or primary officer of a corporation who is legally able to obligate the entity for which he or she is a representative. Applications should be sent to G-B I.S.R. Technical Department (tech@gbi-lb.org) with a copy to the G-B I.S.R. GSR Office (G-B International gbi@gbistr.com), at least 10 working days prior to the scheduled commencement of settlement activities to allow time for the review of the application.

Basic Qualifications for Applicant Organizations

10. Applicant organizations must:
- Meet the requirements and conditions contained in the rules prescribed with this Mar. Cir. in order to be certified as a radio Accounting Authority (AA).
 - Be authorized as an Accounting Authority (AA) by the Administration of the company's resident country and represent shipowners willing to register ships under the G-B I.S.R.

ITU Notification

11. The G-B I.S.R. – Office of the General Ships Registrar will notify the International Telecommunication Union (ITU) and other applicable authorities, as appropriate within 30 days of any changes to its approved list of accounting authorities.



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List of Approved Radio Accounting Authorities

12. A Complete list of Approved Radio Accounting Authorities can be found in Appendix 1 of this Mar.Cir. or at the G-B I.S.R. website <https://gbisr.com/marine-circulars/>, or by contacting the head office of the G-B I.S.R. and/ or visiting the ITU website (<https://www.itu.int/mmsapp/AccountingAuthority/list>).

Effective Date

13. The current Maritime Circular has immediate effect as per the day of issuance.

Queries

14. Any queries on this Notice may be submitted to G-B I.S.R. / Technical Department (E-mail: tech@gbilb.org, Tel. : +30 210 4537950, +30 210 4537194).

For the Guinea-Bissau International Ships Registry

Authorized Signatory:

Office of the General Ships Registrar



Attached

1. Appendix 1: List of Approved Radio Accounting Authorities (p.1).
2. Appendix 2: Application Form for Approval of Radio Accounting Authority (p.1).