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**IMPLEMENTING GUIDELINES FOR THE CONDUCT OF TRAINING
PROGRAM AND IMPLEMENTATION OF GLOBAL MARITIME
DISTRESS SAFETY SYSTEM (GMDSS)**

After a series of consultative meetings with member representatives of the Maritime/Training Council and private maritime sector regarding implementation of GMDSS, the following guidelines have been adopted in order to provide directions in the proper implementation of training programs for upgrading prospective ships radio operators in Global Maritime Distress Safety System (GMDSS) in accordance with the provisions of International Telecommunications Union (ITU) Radio Regulation and 1974 Safety of Life at Sea (SOLAS) Convention as amended in 1988 providing for Radio Services for GMDSS.

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Objectives**

The forthcoming imposition of Radio Services for the Global Maritime Distress Safety System which takes effect on 1 February 1992 necessitates the training and upgrading of prospective ships' radio operator in GMDSS. The training program will undertake the following in support of such:

- 1.1 To establish comprehensive training scheme for ship's radio operators specializing on GMDSS; sub-system and equipment;
- 1.2 To provide a ready pool of trained GMDSS Operators for overseas shipmanning industry; and
- 1.3 To prescribe a certification scheme for graduates of GMDSS Course.

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Purpose**

These guidelines prescribe the rules and procedures of accreditation, administration, and supervision of training centers; and the certification of their graduates.

**3
Scope of Application**

This applies to all maritime training centers offering or intending to offer the GMDSS training program and to students and graduates of the course.

**4
Administrative Policies**

In order to attain the objectives of GMDSS training program, the following shall be enforced: