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**GUIDELINES FOR THE AUTHORIZATION OF POINT OF SERVICE
ACTIVATION (PSA) ENTITY**

Pursuant to the provisions of the 1974 Safety of Life at Sea (SOLAS) Convention concerning radio communication for the Global Maritime Distress and Safety System (GMDSS), Act 3846, Act 3396, E.O. 546, the global trend in the telecommunications and to address the requirements of a Point of Service Activation (PSA) Entity who will then accept and process request for Mobile Earth Station service activation, assign Inmarsat mobile number and who shall perform the role of a routing organization, the following guidelines for the grant of recognition is hereby promulgated:

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Definition/Glossary

1.1 PSA — The Point of Service Activation is an entity that is contracted by Inmarsat to accept and process applications for Mobile Earth Station, assign IMN (Inmarsat Mobile Number) and shall transmit service activation information to customers and appropriate national regulatory bodies.

1.2 Earth Station — A station located either on the earth's surface or within the major portion of the earth's atmosphere and intended for communication with one or more space stations, or with one or more stations of the same kind by means of one or more reflecting satellites or other objects in space.

1.3 ESAS — Electronic Service Activation System

1.4 GMDSS — Global Maritime Distress and Safety System

1.5 IMN — Inmarsat Mobile Number

1.6 NTC or Commission — refers to the National Telecommunications Commission.

1.7 SES — Ship Earth Station, a mobile earth station in the maritime mobile satellite service located on board ship.

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Functions of PSA

2.1 To facilitate the transmission of service activation information of valid applications into ESAS;