

**NOTICE 826 OF 2001****SOUTH AFRICAN MARITIME SAFETY AUTHORITY****DRAFT MERCHANT SHIPPING (EPIRB REGISTRATION) REGULATIONS:  
PUBLICATION FOR COMMENT**

The South African Maritime Safety Authority gives notice of its intention to recommend to the National Department of Transport the measures set out in the accompanying draft regulations. Interested persons are invited to submit written comment on the regulations not later than 14 May 2001. Submissions should be marked for the attention of Mr C Briesch and may either be mailed to the South African Maritime Safety Authority, PO Box 13186, Hatfield 0028, or faxed to (012) 342 3160, or emailed to cbriesch@samsa.org.za. Telephonic enquiries can be directed to Mr C Briesch on (012) 342 3049.

Attention is invited to the explanatory note at the end of the regulations.

**SCHEDULE****DRAFT MERCHANT SHIPPING (EPIRB REGISTRATION) REGULATIONS****Title and commencement**

1. These regulations are called the Merchant Shipping (EPIRB Registration) Regulations, 2001, and come into operation on <<date>>.

**Interpretation**

2. In these regulations any word or expression given a meaning in the Act has the meaning so given and, unless the context indicates otherwise—

"**contravene**", in relation to a provision of these regulations, includes failing or refusing to comply with that provision;

"**COSPAS-SARSAT satellite service**" means a satellite aided search and rescue system designed to locate distress beacons transmitting in the 406 MHz band and on other frequencies;

"**INMARSAT**" means the Organization established by the Convention on the International Maritime Satellite Organisation adopted on 3 September 1976;

"**MID**" means Maritime Identification Digits, being the three digits within the MMSI that identify the country where the ship is registered;

"**MMSI**" means Maritime Mobile Service Identity, being, in the case of an EPIRB, a nine-digit identification number made up of the three-digit MID followed by a six-digit identification number;

"**operator**", in relation to a ship, includes the owner and any charterer, manager or agent of the ship;

"**radio installation**" means any radio installation fitted on board a ship, including its associated antennas, interconnecting circuits and, where appropriate, sources of energy;