

## MGN 395 (M+F)

### Radio Log Book: Merchant Shipping & Fishing Vessels.

Notice to all Owners, Masters, Officers and Skippers of Fishing Vessels.

*This notice replaces MGN 288 (M+F)*

#### PLEASE NOTE:-

Where this document provides guidance on the law it should not be regarded as definitive. The way the law applies to any particular case can vary according to circumstances - for example, from vessel to vessel and you should consider seeking independent legal advice if you are unsure of your own legal position.

#### Summary

This notice advises on the need for the GMDSS Log Book and the Simplified F/V GMDSS Log Book to comply with either Part II of the Merchant Shipping (Radio Installation) Regulations 1998, or Part III of the Merchant Shipping (Radio)(Fishing Vessel) Regulations 1999.

- For Vessels complying with Part II of the Merchant Shipping (Radio Installation) Regulation 1998 a GMDSS Radio Log Book is required.
- For Vessels complying with Part III of the Merchant Shipping (Radio)(Fishing Vessels) Regulations a Simplified F/V GMDSS Radio Log Book is required.
- Introduction of the new publication that includes the GMDSS Radio Log and the Simplified F/V GMDSS Radio Log.

#### 1. Introduction:

1.1 This notice concerns vessels complying with Part II of the Merchant Shipping (Radio Installations) Regulations 1998, and Part III of the Merchant Shipping (Radio) (Fishing Vessels) Regulations 1999. It is a requirement under Regulation 20(1) of the Radio Installation Regulations 1998 that a Log of matters specified in Schedule 3 of the Regulations must be maintained and be available for inspection. It is a requirement under Regulation 19(1) for UNITED KINGDOM DIRECTIVE FISHING VESSELS, and under direction 25(1) for UNITED KINGDOM NON-DIRECTIVE FISHING VESSELS of the Radio Fishing Vessels Regulations 1999, that a Radio Log of matters specified in Schedule 3 of the Regulations must be maintained and be available for inspection. The matters specified, to include the time that they happened, are:

- (a) a summary of communications relating to distress, urgency and safety traffic and the time such communications occurred;
- (b) a record of important incidents connected with radio service and the time such incidents occurred; and
- (c) where appropriate, the position of the ship at least once a day.
- (d) a summary of communications relating to distress traffic in which the fishing vessel has participated, and the times at which such communications occurred, shall be recorded in the Simplified FV Radio Log as the communications occur.

## **2. Publication Details:**

2.1 The Maritime and Coastguard Agency have updated the Radio Log Book (GMDSS), and Simplified FV GMDSS Radio Log Book.

2.2 These publications have been incorporated into a single document with a “delete as appropriate” and “complete as required” system. The one document can be used as either publication.

2.3 The new publication is called:

GMDSS Radio Log Book incorporating the Simplified F/V GMDSS Log Book:

This replaces GMDSS Radio Log Book 2000 edition (**ISBN 978 0115522406**) and Simplified FV GMDSS Radio Log Book (**ISBN 978 0115522499**).  
Copies of the previous documents are no longer available.

2.4 Printed copies of the new style Radio Log Book (**ISBN 978 0115530265**) are available from:

The Stationery Office Publications Centre,  
PO Box 29,  
Norwich,  
NR3 1GN.

Telephone (Orders): 0870 600 5533;  
Email (orders): [books.orders@tso.co.uk](mailto:books.orders@tso.co.uk)

2.5 Copies can be ordered from The Stationery Offices bookshops, its accredited agents or from any reputable book seller.

2.6 The Logs include instructions for completion to meet the legal requirements and details of the periodic checks of equipment. Because the Logs must be maintained in duplicate they are produced on carbon paper.

2.7 The carbon copy of Section C must be detached and carefully fastened together in the correct order to form the record of the operation of the radio installation. They should be finally disposed of in the manner directed by the operating company or the shipowner. The Master/Skipper must then dispose of the Log in the same manner and in accordance with the requirements of the ships official Log Book.

2.8 An example of a typical day's log is attached.

Date & Time (UTC):	Station to:	Station from:	Operators actions/ remarks, Log in / out	Frequency, Channel or Satellite
12.6.08 1200			DSC's, Batteries, Printers checked and satisfactory	
			NAVTEX stations selected: E & I selected	
			Position: 49-57N 009-00W 1200UTC	<i>Signature</i>
1605	All Stations	232000124	DSC Distress Alert 49-30N 010-00W Undesignated J3E 1603UTC	2187.5kHz
1605			On watch	2182 kHz
1607	All Stations	Fulani/VWSB/ 232000124	Mayday Fulani/VWSB 232000124 Position: 49-11N 011-00W	“
			Explosion and fire require immediate assistance	
			Wind westerly 10 knots 15 POB	
1609	VWSB	GYVX	R Mayday 5miles SW of you ETA 15mins ( proceed)	“
1611	“	DBCT	R Mayday 6miles SW “ “ 20 “ “	“
1613	“	Flaviano	R Mayday 40 miles E “ “ 4 Hours (No assistance)	“
1615	“	IRGH6	R Mayday 45 miles W “ “ 3 “ “	“
1620	All Stations	Fulani/VWSB	Mayday 1619UTC Fulani: fire under control: Seelonce Feenee	“
1623			Off watch	2182 kHz
			<i>Signature</i> Master	
13.6.08 1200			DSC's, Batteries, Printers checked and satisfactory	
			Position: 49-30N 016-06W 1200UTC	
			EPIRB, SART, Survival craft radio and aerials checked	
			- satisfactory	
1205	All stations	EGC	NAVAREA ONE 15 broadcast. Copy filed	Sat C
1230	All stations	NAVTEX	Navigation Warning: WZ 1234. Copy filed	518kHz

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