ALBANIA

1.   REGULATIONS

1.1   General

Nil.

1.2   EPIRBs

The obligation of ships to carry EPIRBs is prescribed in line with the Albanian Maritime Code, as required by International Convention on Safety of Life at Sea (SOLAS), MARPOL, and STCW 1976. Yachts on international voyages are required to carry a Cospas-Sarsat beacon (EPIRB/PLB) and check in port authority.

1.3   ELTs

For Commercial air transport by aeroplane and helicopter, the obligation to carry ELTs is prescribed in European Union Regulation 965/2012 and ICAO Convention. For other types of operations, the obligation is prescribed in Albanian Air Code which is in line with EU Regulation 965/2012.

1.4   PLBs

PLB use is allowed for private citizens and for private yachts on international voyages. No national regulations yet for PLBs; however, PLBs are not in force still and national regulations are to be determined in the future for the owners.

1.4.1   National Beacon Regulations for Serial-Coded PLBs

Administration	For Terrestrial Applications	In Maritime Environment	On Aircraft	Comments
	Country Recognises PLB Activations	Country Recognises PLB Activations	Country Recognises PLB Activations	
Albania	Y	Y	Y	Nil

Similar information is available in the new table on the Cospas-Sarsat website (www.cospas-sarsat.int) with the status indication in colors (**Y** = green, allows / **N** = red, not allowed / **R**estrictions = amber (see comments) and with the note that the national beacon regulations can be found on the Cospas-Sarsat website in document C/S S.007).

2.   BEACONS CODING METHODS

2.1   EPIRB Coding Methods

Country Code	USER PROTOCOLS				LOCATION PROTOCOLS						
	Maritime User		Serial User	Radio Call Sign	User Location			Standard Location		National Location	RLS (Return Link Service)
	MMSI	Radio Call Sign	EPIRB with Serial Number	Radio Call Sign	MMSI	EPIRB with Serial Number	Radio Call Sign	MMSI	EPIRB with Serial Number	Serial Number Assigned by Competent Administration	EPIRB with Serial Number
201	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	*[Y/N]*

2.2   ELT Coding Methods

Country Code	USER PROTOCOLS				LOCATION PROTOCOLS								
	Serial User			Aviation User	User Location				Standard Location			National Location	RLS (Return Link Service)
	ELT with Serial Number	Aircraft Operator Designator and Serial Number	Aircraft 24-bit Address	Aircraft Nationality and Registration Marking	ELT with Serial Number	Aircraft Operator Designator and Serial Number	Aircraft 24-bit Address	Aircraft Nationality and Registration Marking	ELT with Serial Number	Aircraft Operator Designator and Serial Number	Aircraft 24-bit Address	Serial Number Assigned by Competent Administration	ELT with Serial Number
201	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	*[Y/N]*

2.3   PLB Coding Methods

Country Code	USER PROTOCOLS	LOCATION PROTOCOLS			
	Serial User	User Location	Standard Location	National Location	RLS (Return Link Service)
	PLB with Serial Number	PLB with Serial Number		Serial Number Assigned by Competent Administration	PLB with Serial Number
201	*[Y/N]*	*[Y/N]*		*[Y/N]*	*[Y/N]*

Not available. To be determined in the future national regulations.

3.   LIST OF BEACON MODELS TYPE APPROVED BY ADMINISTRATION

Not available.

4.   BEACON TESTING REGULATION

Cospas-Sarsat distress beacons should only be activated when a ship, aircraft or person is in danger and imminent danger and requiring immediate assistance.

The beacon can be tested by the owner using the self-test capability to ensure the continued functionality of the beacon.

Testing of distress beacons in operational mode must be controlled and performed only when absolutely necessary as this impact the Cospas-Sarsat System/ITMCC and close coordination of ITMCC to Rescue Coordination Centre (RCC Tirana).

5.   POINT OF CONTACT FOR BEACON MATTERS (CODING, REGISTRATION AND TYPE APPROVAL)

The point of contact for beacon matters is:

- EPIRBs: General Maritime Directory,
- ELTs: Civil Aviation Authority.

> Updated point of contact details for administrations are available at:
> https://www.cospas-sarsat.int/en/contacts-pro/contacts-details-all.

6.   BEACON REGISTRATION

6.1   Regulation

Registration of EPIRBs and ELTs is mandatory in line with IMO and ICAO requirements respectively.

The Albanian Ministry of Transport and Infrastructure (Civil Aviation Authority) is responsible for registration of ELTs associated with.

6.2   Forms

There are two different registration cards, one for each type of beacon, which are downloadable from the web sites: Registration forms for registration of EPIRBs associated with ships are available at official web site of the General Directorate of Maritime (Ministry of Transport and Infrastructure): http://www.dpdetare.gov.al

Registration form for ELTs registration associated with aeroplanes is available at Albanian Civil Aviation Authority (Ministry of Transport and Infrastructure): at official web site: http://www.aac.gov.al

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