INDIA

1.   REGULATIONS

1.1   General

Nil.

1.2   EPIRBs

EPIRB carriage requirements is governed by the Merchant Shipping (Distress Safety Radio Communication) Rules 1995 (MSDSRC Rules 1995) which is applicable to any ship and fishing boat registered in India.

All Indian vessels and fishing vessels of more than 20 metres in length operating in EEZ of India will carry one float-free EPIRB (406 MHz).

1.3   ELTs

The Civil Aviation Administration has issued instructions to the Indian aviation industry regarding the use of 406 MHz ELTs.

1.4   PLBs

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	
India	Y	Y	Y	Currently, PLBs are in use for land and aviation applications. For marine applications, there are no users yet but as such no restrictions on the usage.

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

Coding is mandatory for all EPIRBs placed on merchant ships / fishing vessels registered in India.

Coding is carried out as per IMO Resolution A.810(19). EPIRBs are coded with trailing 6 digits of the ship's station identity after the country code.

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
419	Y	N	N	N	Y	N	N	Y	N	N	[Y/N]

2.2 ELT Coding Methods

All authorised Cospas-Sarsat ELT coding protocols are allowed in India.

Country Code	USER PROTOCOLS				LOCATION PROTOCOLS								National Location	RLS (Return Link Service)
	Serial User			Aviation User	User Location				Standard Location					
	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
419	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	*[Y/N]*

2.3 PLB Coding Methods

Not available.

3. LIST OF BEACON MODELS TYPE APPROVED BY ADMINISTRATION

Not available.

4. BEACON TESTING REGULATION

Not available.

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

The points of contact for beacon matters are:

EPIRBs (coding and type approval): Nautical Advisor to Government of India / Directorate General of Shipping.

ELTs (Coding and type approval): Director of Airworthiness / Directorate General of Civil Aviation / Government of India.

EPIRBs/ELTs/PLBs (registration): INMCC.

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 is mandatory for all EPIRBs placed on merchant ships / fishing vessels registered in India.

All EPIRBs are to be registered with INMCC at Bangalore using online web-registration system (http://inmcc.istrac.org).

6.2   Forms

Online beacon registration forms (EPIRBs, ELTs, PLBs) are available at: https://inmcc.istrac.org.

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