





Merchant Shipping Directorate



## **GME 406MHZ EPIRBS**

**Information Notice 7** 

Notice to Shipowners, Ship Operators, Managers, Masters, Owners' Representatives and Recognised Organisations

The Directorate wishes to draw the attention of all concerned to the Safety Alert issued by Messrs. Standard Communications Pty Ltd, concerning potential failures on 406Mhz EPIRBs manufactured under their GME brand.

The following EPIRB models, manufactured between 2005 - 2010 have been identified as being at risk of failure: GME MT400, GME MT401, GME MT406G, GME MT401FF, GME MT403/G and GME MT403FF/FG.

Managers and Owners of ships operating under the Malta flag and having any of the above EPIRB models installed onboard are hereby requested to carry out immediate testing of the respective units as detailed in the safety alert issued by the manufacturer.

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