



Merchant Shipping Directorate



EPIRBs PRODUCT RECALL

Information Notice 18

*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 Kannad Marine concerning certain Kannad SAFELINK EPIRBs beacons that may not operate well in an emergency situation.

To this effect, attention is drawn to the Product Safety Recall issued by Kannad Marine, concerning the recall of the product K1202311 Kannad SAFELINK EPIRB Manual and GPS and product K1202367 Kannad SAFELINK Autop GPS.

Managers and Owners of ships operating under the Malta flag and having any of the above EPIRB units installed onboard are hereby requested to contact the manufacture to arrange a replacement of the beacon as detailed in the [Product Safety Recall Notice](#) issued by the manufacturer.

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SAFELINK Recall Safety Notice

SAFELINK EPIRB In Auto housing	SAFELINK Manual EPIRB
	

Part No's Affected	Description	Date Range
K1202311	EPIRB SAFELINK Manual+ GPS	All
K1202367	EPIRB SAFELINK Auto GPS	All

Orolia Limited, owner of Kannad Marine has become aware of an issue affecting Kannad SAFELINK EPIRBs which could result in the beacon not operating in an emergency situation.

The SAFELINK EPIRB's yellow body plastic may prematurely age when subjected to specific environmental conditions which has the potential to impact on its long term effectiveness in the field. The Kannad SAFELINK EPIRB model is the only Kannad Marine product affected.

Although the issue identified may impact beacon effectiveness in a very small number of cases, we believe it is important to take broader preventative actions to respond to this situation promptly and comprehensively for your safety. That is why Kannad Marine has decided to instigate a voluntary Global Recall Program for the SAFELINK EPIRBs and would like to invite you to read carefully the following procedure.

If you suspect that you may have an affected beacon (only Safelink EPIRB auto and manual), you should **not use the SAFELINK as the primary Search and Rescue beacon on board your vessel. Please register your ownership, location and contact details via the dedicated website: www.safelinkepirbsupport.co.uk**

Once registered, Kannad Marine Support team will direct you to your local partner to arrange a replacement of your beacon with a Kannad Sport Pro + Auto or Manual, with a 5 year warranty, free of charge

For any further information, please contact Kannad Marine using one of the methods below:

Web: www.safelinkepirbsupport.co.uk

Email: safelinkinspection@kannadmarine.com

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