



**REPUBLIC OF
THE MARSHALL ISLANDS**
MARITIME ADMINISTRATOR

Marine Notice

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**TO: ALL SHIPOWNERS, OPERATORS, MASTERS AND OFFICERS OF
MERCHANT SHIPS, AND RECOGNIZED ORGANIZATIONS**

SUBJECT: Radio Dispensations

- References:**
- (a) **SOLAS**, *International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea, Consolidated Edition 2020*
 - (b) **RMI Marine Notice [2-011-4](#)**, Issuance and Use of Statutory Certificates
 - (c) **RMI Marine Notice [2-011-26](#)**, Application for Service Extensions / Dispensation

PURPOSE

This Notice establishes the process to apply for Radio Dispensations from the Republic of the Marshall Islands (RMI) Maritime Administrator (the “Administrator”). It also contains the conditions under which they will be issued at sea, and what to do when SOLAS radio equipment issues are experienced in port.

This is a new Marine Notice (MN) to separate the Radio Dispensation application process from that for seeking dispensations from other statutory requirements in [MN 2-011-26](#).

APPLICABILITY

Regardless of size, this Notice applies to all RMI-registered ships, including yachts, of any registration type or compliance level, and mobile offshore units (MOUs), requiring a radio dispensation.

REQUIREMENTS

1.0 General

The terminology used in [MN 2-011-26](#) applies to this Marine Notice.

2.0 Applying for a Radio Dispensation

- 2.1 Applications for Radio Dispensations must be received by the Administrator when the vessel is at sea. This is because the Administrator cannot issue a dispensation once a ship is in port.
- 2.2 To apply for a Radio Dispensation, email a completed Application ([RADMI-06](#)) to the Administrator at: radio@register-iri.com. For the form to be considered complete, the Corrective Action Plan (CAP) must be described.

3.0 Validity

- 3.1 Radio Dispensations have an expiration date. They are generally valid for the minimum time required for the ship to have the deficiency rectified.
- 3.2 Requests made to extend a Radio Dispensation will only be considered by the Administrator when exceptional circumstances exist. If granted, they will be limited to the minimum time required for the ship to rectify the deficiency.

4.0 Reporting to the Administrator

- 4.1 By the Radio Dispensation's expiration date, the Administrator must be provided with either:
 - .1 a copy of the technician's service report; or
 - .2 written crew confirmation that they were able to rectify the deficiency.
- 4.2 This can be done by emailing the Administrator at radio@register-iri.com.

5.0 Radio Deficiencies in Port

- 5.1 If there are issues with SOLAS-required radio equipment in port, then a ship must contact:
 - .1 the Administrator, at radio@register-iri.com, which may provide an email acknowledgement of the condition onboard; and
 - .2 their Recognized Organization (RO)¹.
- 5.2 The owner or operator will need to provide their RO with a description of the issue and a CAP. The RO must provide the Administrator with a detailed recommendation of how to proceed.

¹. ROs include Class Societies and Appointed Representatives (ARs). See [MG 2-11-15](#), *Organizations Acting on Behalf of the Republic of the Marshall Islands Maritime Administrator*.

- .1 ROs may also be contacted to follow-up with verification of the corrected radio item, and/or for the issuance of a short-term Statutory certificate in accordance with [MN 2-011-4](#). In all cases, some measure of alternative equivalency needs to be put in place and followed.
- .2 [RADMI-06](#) may be used as a template for reporting to the RO the radio issue experienced in port.