

SCHEDULE 1

Regulation 8(f)

SATELLITE EPIRBs

Every satellite EPIRB provided pursuant to these Regulations shall be—

(1) capable of transmitting a distress alert either through the polar orbiting satellite service operating in the 406 MHz band which may be the float-free satellite EPIRB carried in accordance with the Merchant Shipping (Life-Saving Appliances) (Amendment) Regulations 1991⁽¹⁾ or, alternatively, in sea areas A1, A2 and A3 only, through the INMARSAT geostationary satellite service operating in the 1.6 GHz band;

(2) installed in an easily accessible position;

(3) ready to be manually released and capable of being carried by one person into a survival craft;

(4) capable of floating free if the ship sinks and of being automatically activated when afloat; and

(5) capable of being activated manually.

⁽¹⁾ S.I. 1991/1300.