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**CIRCULAR RELATING TO SCHEDULED CLOSURE OF INMARSAT F77 SERVICE**

To: Ship Owners, Managers, Operators, Masters, Officers, PSCO, Shipping agents, Port Authorities and the Shipping community

Inmarsat F77 service is GMDSS-compliant, but the SOLAS Convention does not require mandatory carriage of F77 terminal equipment. The core distress and safety communications required for GMDSS continue to be supported by the Inmarsat-C service. The voice service provided by the Inmarsat F77 service is more than adequately covered by the more recent FleetBroadband-based Fleet-Safety service, which has been recognized as a GMDSS service by IMO.

Therefore, INMARSAT in consultation with IMO through International Mobile Satellite Organization (IMSO) has decided to close Inmarsat F77 service from 01<sup>st</sup> December 2020.

The Department of Shipping would like to draw the attention of Bangladeshi Shipowners and all concerned parties, to the imminent scheduled closure of Inmarsat Fleet 77 service by 1 December 2020. All terminals associated with the retired service will be deactivated on the network and the service will no longer be available to customers.

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