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NOTICE FOR LIMITED GEOGRAPHICAL OPERATION AND CLOSURE OF SKYWAVE DMR-800 LRIT

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

The ORBCOMM (previously Skywave) had confirmed that the IsatM2M satellite service provision was extended for an additional year, on a best effort basis, until 31st December 2021.

ORBCOMM has now provided further information stating that the IsatM2M service for the Pacific Ocean Region (POR) is excluded from this extension, and service for this region will end on **31st December 2020**. This means that the legacy units associated with the IsatM2M network, such as the DMR800 or DSAS Mk1, will no longer operate whilst the vessel / transceiver is located in the North Pacific Ocean, Bering Sea, Sea of Okhotsk, Philippine Sea, Coral Sea, Tasman Sea, and South Pacific Ocean (Inmarsat I3 Pacific Ocean Region).

As several Bangladeshi vessels are using DMR-800 LRIT, the Department of Shipping, would like to draw the attention of Bangladeshi Shipowners and all concerned, to the imminent scheduled significant reduction of coverage with effect from 31st December 2020 and eventual closure of service with effect from 31st December 2021 of ORBCOMM DMR-800 LRIT and advise to migrate to new unit within the scheduled closure time.

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