

Circular 13 / 2009

To: Ship Owners and/or Operators, Deputy Registrars, Surveyors and Other Interested Parties

Subject: REMINDER 406 EPIRB Registration with RCCNZ

Date: 1 October 2009

Application

This circular applies to all vessels on the Cook Islands' flag with an Emergency Position-Indicating Radio Beacon (EPIRB) i.e. vessels operating offshore and/or on international voyages including commercial yachts (private yachts recommended but not mandatory).

Programming and Registration

A vessel flagged in Cook Islands must have the country prefix 518 followed by the beacon serial number programmed into its EPIRB. This new hexadecimal ID should be displayed on the outside of the EPIRB and the old one removed.

The registration of 406 MHz EPIRB beacons for Cook Islands flagged vessels, along with maintenance of the database, is being handled by the Rescue Coordination Centre New Zealand (RCCNZ). This is regardless of where the vessel is trading.

Required Action by Owners/Operators

1. Ensure vessel's EPIRB is a 406 MHz beacon.
2. Ensure EPIRB hexadecimal number is programmed correctly, bearing the 518 Cook Islands prefix and the beacon serial number. This new ID must be displayed on the outside of the EPIRB
3. Use the [online registration form](http://www.beacons.org.nz/406-Registration.aspx) set up by RCCNZ to register your beacon: <http://www.beacons.org.nz/406-Registration.aspx>. **The process is quick, simple and free of charge.**
4. Keep EPIRB information current by using the online form or contacting RCCNZ (406registry@maritimenz.govt.nz) with any updates.
5. ****Owners please acknowledge receipt and compliance with this notice****

For further information or clarification, visit the RCCNZ beacons website at <http://www.beacons.org.nz> or contact the Registrar of Ships: fleet@maritimecookislands.com Phone: +682 23 848 or Fax: +682 23 846.