

Subject: **Operating instructions on GMDSS Walkie-talkies**

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Dear Captain
Good Day,

Refer to recent inspection of one of the fleet vessels by FSC inspector, a deficiency was raised as follows:

***“Brief operating instructions are not indicated on the exterior of the GMDSS walkie-talkies.
(As per paragraph 13 of RESOLUTION MSC.149(77) requirements)”***

In order to avoid similar deficiencies, please make sure all **GMDSS Walkie-talkies** on the exterior body, have a brief labeling of operating instruction; either originally by maker, or made and attached by the ship staff and report back to this office compliance accordingly.

For your information, the relevant section of MSC.149(77), states:

13- LABELLING

13.1 In addition to the general requirements specified in resolution A.694(17), the following

should be clearly indicated on the exterior of the equipment:

- .1 brief operating instructions; and
- .2 expiry date for the primary batteries.

You are requested to confirm receipt, discuss the contents in the next consolidated meeting on board & keep a copy in the file DA-11 .

Best Regards,

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