

Marine Notice No. 41 of 2014

Notice to all Vessel Owners, Operators, Masters, Fishing Vessel Owners, Skippers, Fishers and Recreational Craft Users

GME EPIRB Recall

The Department of Transport, Tourism and Sport wishes to advise it has been informed that Standard Communications Pty Ltd, the manufacturer of GME EPIRBs, have issued a Product Safety Recall of the following affected EPIRB units:

GME MT400/MT401/MT403 EPIRBs with serial numbers between 50101000 and 80250722.

For further information please see the attached annex, which reproduces the Product Safety Recall on this matter, issued by GME.

Irish Maritime Administration,
Department of Transport, Tourism and Sport,
Leeson Lane, Dublin 2, Ireland.

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Product Safety Recall

GME EMERGENCY POSITION INDICATING RADIO BEACONS (EPIRBs)

MT400/MT401/MT403

Standard Communications Pty Ltd designs and manufactures a range of Emergency Position Indicating Radio Beacons (EPIRBs) marketed globally under the GME brand.

Problem

After exhaustive testing we have identified a fault in the microprocessor of certain units that effectively shuts the beacon down. We are concerned that the beacon may not work in an emergency situation.

Action

In consultation with national maritime authorities, Standard Communications has decided to recall certain EPIRBs manufactured between January 2005 and February 2008.

The affected units are the MT400, MT401 and MT403 beacons with serial numbers between 50101000 and 80250722.

What should you do?

If you have a GME EPIRB, please check the model number and serial number. The serial number can be found on the left side of the beacon at the base of the Identity panel.

If you own one of the affected units listed above, please contact GME at recall@gme.net.au or your local distributor to arrange a replacement of your beacon at no extra charge.

Standard Communications would also like to take this opportunity to remind all EPIRB users, regardless of the brand, to regularly test the unit. There should be a simple self-test mechanism on all units. You should also ensure that beacon batteries are replaced at intervals recommended by the manufacturer.

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See www.recalls.gov.au for Australian product recall information



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