

RECOMMENDATION 820

**USE OF 9-DIGIT IDENTITIES FOR NARROW-BAND DIRECT-PRINTING TELEGRAPHY  
IN THE MARITIME MOBILE SERVICE**

(Question 5/8)

(1992)

The CCIR,

*considering*

- a) that CCIR Recommendations 476 and 625 provide for the use of narrow-band direct-printing equipment;
- b) that Recommendation 625 provides for the use of maritime mobile service identities (MMSI) in accordance with the provisions of Appendix 43 of the Radio Regulations (RR);
- c) that only the use of 9-digit MMSI offers the improved procedures of Recommendation 625 for the establishment and re-establishment of radio circuits which will also reduce the possibility of a message being received at a wrong station;
- d) that in order to maintain compatibility with older equipment built in conformance with Recommendation 476, the new equipment built in accordance with Recommendation 625 still needs a 5-digit identity in addition to the 9-digit MMSI (see also Recommendation 585),

*recommends*

- 1. that the use of 5-digit identities as specified in Appendix 44 to the RR be restricted to those situations where one or both stations use equipment conforming to Recommendation 476-4 (Düsseldorf, 1990);
  - 2. that administrations, in accordance with Appendix 43 to the RR, assign 9-digit identities in addition to 5-digit identities, to all stations under their jurisdiction which are, or will be, fitted with equipment conforming to Recommendation 625;
  - 3. that coast stations are fitted with, or converted to, ARQ equipment in conformity with Recommendation 625 as soon as possible.
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