



**Explanation of the fields to be notified (SHIP STATIONS)**  
(Applies for both Individual notification form and electronic notification UTF-8 text format file)

Field	Field name	Field information	Remarks
AC* (mandatory)	Action Code	One of three capital letters: <b>A</b> add a new station <b>M</b> modify particulars of an existing station <b>S</b> suppress an existing station	The "Action Code" indicates an action to be performed by the BR to update MARS database.
1* (mandatory)	Ship (Vessel) Name	Self-explanatory.	Maximum length of 50 characters. Only ASCII printable characters to be used.
2** (mandatory if <b>no MMSI</b> (Field 4) is notified)	Call Sign	In accordance with RR No. 19.55 the following formations are permitted:  XXAA-XXZZ XXAA2 -XXZZ9 XL2000 - XL9999 (L = Second character is a Letter) XXA2000 - XXZ9999	Call signs in the international series are formed as indicated in RR provisions Nos. 19.51 to 19.71. The first two characters or in certain cases the first character of a call sign constitute the nationality identification.
3	Selective Call Number(s)	Five digits from 0 to 9.	Five-digit ship station selective call numbers shall be assigned for narrow-band direct printing (NBDP) equipment (as described in Recommendation ITU-R M.476-5).
4** (mandatory if <b>no Call Sign</b> (Field 2) is notified)	Maritime Mobile Service Identity (MMSI)	The MMSI in the <b>format MIDXXXXXX</b> where in the first three digits represent the Maritime Identification Digits (MID) and X is any figure from 0 to 9.	MMSI is formed of a series of nine digits which are transmitted over the radio path in order to uniquely identify ship stations operating in the maritime mobile service or the maritime mobile-satellite service. The MID denotes the administration having jurisdiction over the ship station so identified.
5	Satellite Number(s)	The ship earth station(s) identification numbers are recorded as given by the notifier administrations. It is recommended to indicate the full numbering sequence used for international calling/messaging, including applicable prefixes. Satellite service provider may be also specified in Field 31 "Ship's radio installation".	Only digits and symbols: "+", "-", "/" are accepted. The "-" symbol defines a range (e.g.) +870426456788-98 The "/" symbol to be used when last two or 3 digits differ (e.g.) +881626456788/793
6	NTLX Number	National Telex Number.	<b>No longer used.</b>

7* (mandatory)	Notifying Administration	One or three-letter symbol designating an Administration responsible for the ship (vessel) registration.	<b>Administration:</b> Any governmental department or service responsible for discharging the obligations undertaken in the Constitution of the International Telecommunication Union, in the Convention of the International Telecommunication Union and in the Administrative Regulations.
8	Territory or Geographical Area code	One or three-letter symbol designating the Territory or Geographical area.	A Country Territory or Geographical Area which does not have full responsibility for its international relations.
9	Life Boats	Number of life boats.	Indicates the number of life boats onboard ship (vessel) fitted with radio apparatus.
10	Radio Beacons (EPIRBs)	<p>Symbols used in this Field are:</p> <p><b>A</b> Not used</p> <p><b>B</b> EPIRB operating on 121.5 MHz</p> <p><b>C</b> EPIRB operating on 243 MHz</p> <p><b>D</b> Not used</p> <p><b>E</b> Satellite EPIRB operating in the band 406-406.1 MHz</p> <p><b>G</b> SART operating in the band 9 200-9 500 MHz</p> <p><b>H</b> AIS-SART operating in the Channels AIS 1 and AIS 2</p>	<b>Emergency Position-Indicating Radio Beacon (EPIRB):</b> a station in the mobile service the emissions of which are intended to facilitate search and rescue operations.
11	General Classification	<p>Symbols used in this Field are:</p> <p><b>FV</b> Fishing industry</p> <p><b>GV</b> Service vessels</p> <p><b>MM</b> Merchant</p> <p><b>NF</b> Inland waterways</p> <p><b>NS</b> Naval</p> <p><b>OF</b> Offshore</p> <p><b>PL</b> Pleasure / Leisure</p> <p><b>SV</b> Rescue</p> <p><b>XX</b> All other activities</p>	Ships (vessels), including any other unit carrying a ship station, are classified by means of a two-letter general classification symbol.
12	Individual Classification (primary and (secondary)	<p>Two or three-letter individual classification symbol.</p> <p>The meaning of each symbol used is given in the link: <a href="#">Symbols which designate individual classes of ships</a></p> <p>An additional (secondary) individual classification to describe the characteristics of the ship (vessel) may be added using comma (,) separator. The symbols to be used are the same as for primary individual classification.</p>	Ships (vessels), including any other units carrying a ship station, are also classified by means of a two or three-letter individual classification symbol.

13	Nature of Service (primary and secondary)	<p>Symbols used in this Field are:</p> <p><b>CO</b> a station open to official correspondence exclusively  <b>CP</b> a station open to public correspondence  <b>CR</b> a station open to limited public correspondence  <b>CV</b> a station open exclusively to correspondence of a private agency  <b>OT</b> a station open exclusively to operational traffic of the service concerned</p> <p>An additional (secondary) nature of service may be added using comma (,) separator and the above symbols.</p>	The nature of service includes the classification as regards the type of international correspondence service maintained by the station.
14	Services Available	<p>Symbols used in this Field are:</p> <p><b>C</b> radiotelephone calls  <b>D</b> radiotelex calls  <b>O</b> OBS messages (voluntary observing ship)  <b>P</b> facsimile communications  <b>R</b> radiotelegrams</p>	The specific services provided by a station open to public correspondence in the maritime mobile service.
15	Service Hours	<p>Symbols used in this Field are:</p> <p><b>H24</b> continuous service throughout the twenty-four hours  <b>H16</b> 16-hour service provided by a ship station of the second category  <b>H8</b> 8-hour service provided by a ship station of the third category  <b>HX</b> intermittent service throughout the twenty-four hours, or station having no specific working hours  <b>HJ</b> day service  <b>HN</b> night service</p>	Hours of ship station service.
16	Telegraph transmission frequency bands	<p>Symbols used in this Field are:</p> <p><b>S</b> frequency bands used in the maritime mobile-satellite service  <b>W</b> bands between 110 and 160 kHz  <b>X</b> bands between 415 and 535 kHz  <b>Y</b> bands between 1 605 and 4 000 kHz  <b>Z</b> bands between 4 000 and 27 500 kHz</p>	Frequency bands used for radiotelegraphy transmissions.
17	Telephone transmission frequency bands	<p>Symbols used in this Field are:</p> <p><b>S</b> frequency bands used in the maritime mobile-satellite service  <b>T</b> bands between 1 605 and 4 000 kHz  <b>U</b> bands between 4 000 and 27 500 kHz  <b>V</b> bands between 156 and 174 MHz</p>	Frequency bands used for radiotelephony transmissions.

18	Accounting Authority Identification Code (AAIC)	The alphanumeric discrete AAIC of the Accounting Authority responsible to act as a billing intermediary between the ship station and maritime communication service providers.	Accounting Authority must be recognized by the Administration having jurisdiction over the ship station and notified to the ITU by this Administration (refer to Recommendation ITU-T D.90).
19	AAIC for Satellite Communications	AAIC used for satellite communications. This Field is filled if the AAIC is different to the AAIC notified in Field 18 above.	Refer to Recommendations ITU-T D.90 and ITU-T D.95.
20	Owner Name	Name of shipowner.	
21	Ex Ship (Vessel) Name	Self-explanatory.	
22	Ex Call Sign	Self-explanatory.	
23	EPIRB identification code	Either MMSI of the ship station or a combination of MID + Call sign of the ship (vessel).	
24	Ship (Vessel) identification number	IMO number or national registration number.	
25	Gross Tonnage	In digit, rounded to the closest whole number.	<b>Gross Tonnage</b> means the measure of the overall size of a ship determined in accordance with the provisions of the International Convention on Tonnage Measurement of Ships, 1969
26	Emergency Contact Person ashore (Name & Address)	Name and Address of emergency contact person ashore.	As given by the Administration.
27	Phone	Telephone number of emergency contact person ashore prefixed with country destination code.	As given by the Administration.
28	Telefax/Email	Telefax number prefixed with country destination code / Email address of emergency contact person ashore.	As given by the Administration.
29	Alternative 24-hour emergency phone number	Alternative 24-hour emergency telephone number of contact person ashore prefixed with country destination code.	As given by the Administration.
30	Capacity for persons on board	Total number of passengers and crew members.	In digit.
31	Ship's radio installation	Brief list of types of radiocommunication equipment installed onboard ship (vessel).	e.g.: Inmarsat C, Inmarsat FBB, Iridium, VHF, VHF/DSC, MOB id, etc.

32	EPIRB HEX ID Code (one or multiple)	EPIRB HEX ID code.	Only characters accepted are <b>0</b> to <b>9</b> and <b>A</b> to <b>F</b> . In case of multiple, separate occurrences with comma (,)
33	MMSI assigned to craft associated with a parent ship (one or multiple)	MMSI assigned to device(s) on board craft(s) associated with a parent ship (e.g.: lifeboats, life rafts, rescue boats, etc.) in the <b>format 98MIDXXXX</b> , where the digits 3, 4 and 5 represent the MID and X is any figure from 0 to 9.	The MID denotes the administration having jurisdiction over the ship station so identified. In case of multiple, separate occurrences with comma (,)
34	Identity assigned to handheld VHF transceiver (one or multiple)	Identity assigned to handheld VHF transceiver(s) in the <b>format 8MIDXXXXX</b> where the digits 2, 3 and 4 represent the MID and X is any figure from 0 to 9.	The MID denotes the administration having jurisdiction over the ship station so identified. In case of multiple, separate occurrences with comma (,)