



Republic of Mauritius

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**NOTICE TO MARINERS Ref: 2 of 2014**

**Title: Fitment of Automatic Identification System (AIS)  
on Non-SOLAS vessels**

Notice to Ship owners, Masters, Skippers of fishing vessels and pleasure crafts  
navigating within Mauritian waters.

The objectives of this Notice to Mariners is to detail the new requirements concerning the fitment of AIS onboard Non-SOLAS vessels operating in the maritime zones of Mauritius.

**1. Definitions:**

For the purpose of this notice to mariners;

“Approved Surveyor” means a person designated as such by the Director of Shipping under section 7 of the Merchant Shipping Act 2007”.

“ETSI” means “European Telecommunications Standards Institute”.

“ICTA” means the Authority established under Section 4 of the Information & Communication Technologies Act 2001.

“Mauritius waters” shall have the same meaning as in the Maritime Zones Act.

“Testing or servicing providers” shall be those approved by the Director of Shipping.

- 2.** Having regard to the decision of the National Maritime and harbour Security Committee (NMHSC) about enhancing safety and security within Mauritian waters, including territorial waters, contiguous zone and Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ), All fishing vessels, Pleasure Crafts and other non-SOLAS vessels of 12 meters and above entering or operating within Mauritian waters will be required to be fitted with an Automatic

Identification System (AIS) whether of Class A or B.

This requirement will come into force as per the schedule mentioned in paragraph 7 this Notice.

3. The use of AIS whether Class A or Class B shall be authorised and type approved by the ICTA. Class A type shall meet the specifications and performance standards as prescribed by the International Maritime Organisation (IMO) Res. No. MSC-74(69) – Annex III or ETSI standards. Class B type shall be to an acceptable standard such as ETSI, IEC 62287-2, ITU R M. 1371-4 recommendations and IEC 61108, IEC 60945, and IEC 61162 1, 2 standards.
4. The automatic identification system (AIS) shall be subject to an annual test. The test shall be conducted by an approved surveyor or an approved testing or servicing providers. The test shall verify the correct programming of the ship static information, correct data exchange with connected sensors as well as verifying the radio performance by radio frequency measurement and on-air test using, e.g., a Vessel Traffic Service (VTS). A copy of the test report shall be retained on board the ship.”
5. Owners of fishing vessels, pleasure Crafts and all those concerned by this measure shall contact the Information and Communication Technologies Authority of Mauritius, (ICTA) to obtain the Maritime Mobile Service Identity (MMSI) number and for new vessels the Call Sign. **(See procedures as per Annex 1)**
6. Owners, Masters, Skippers and all stakeholders are to contact their respective Ministries/Authorities for further clarifications and are reminded that as from the implementation date, vessels will be inspected and contravention of these requirements shall result in detention of the vessel(s) concerned, fines and imprisonment under the regulations presently in force.
7. The implementation dates for the different types of vessels will be as follows:

<b>SN</b>	<b>Type of Vessels</b>	<b>Compliance date</b>
<b>1</b>	All vessels proceeding to Outer Islands including Saint Brandon. (Except Mauritius registered fishing vessels)	<b>01 September 2014</b>
<b>2</b>	All foreign fishing vessels to which Ministry of Fisheries would issue a new license to fish Mauritius waters	<b>01 September 2014</b>

<b>3</b>	All foreign fishing vessels to which Ministry of Fisheries had already issued a license to fish in Mauritius waters.	<b>01 September 2014</b> For those vessels presently on a fishing campaign not later than <b>30 November 2014</b>
<b>4</b>	All foreign pleasure crafts plying in the territorial waters of Mauritius.	<b>01 June 2015</b>
<b>5</b>	All other vessels	<b>01 June 2015</b>

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