

# Provisions of the Radio Regulations concerning ship stations radio licences

## ARTICLE 18

### Licences

**18.1** § 1 1) No transmitting station may be established or operated by a private person or by any enterprise without a licence issued in an appropriate form and in conformity with the provisions of these Regulations by or on behalf of the government of the country to which the station in question is subject (however, see Nos. **18.2**, **18.8** and **18.11**).

**18.2** 2) However, the government of a country may conclude with the government of one or more neighbouring countries a special agreement concerning one or several stations of its broadcasting service or of its land mobile services, operating on frequencies above 41 MHz, situated in the territory of a neighbouring country and intended to improve national coverage. This agreement, which shall be compatible with the provisions of the present Regulations as well as of those regional agreements to which the countries concerned are signatories, may allow exceptions to the provisions of No. **18.1** and shall be communicated to the Secretary-General in order that it may be brought to the notice of administrations for their information.

**18.3** 3) Mobile stations which are registered in a territory or group of territories which does not have full responsibility for its international relations may be considered, in so far as the issue of licences is concerned, as subject to the authority of that territory or group of territories.

**18.4** § 2 The holder of a licence is required to preserve the secrecy of telecommunications, as provided in the relevant provisions of the Constitution and the Convention. Moreover, the licence shall mention, specifically or by reference, that if the station includes a receiver, the interception of radiocommunication correspondence, other than that which the station is authorized to receive, is forbidden, and that in cases where such correspondence is involuntarily received, it shall not be reproduced, nor communicated to third parties, nor used for any purpose, and even its existence shall not be disclosed.

**18.5** § 3 To facilitate the verification of licences issued to mobile stations and mobile earth stations, a translation of the text in one of the working languages of the Union shall be added, when necessary, to the text written in the national language.

**18.6** § 4 1) The government which issues a licence to a mobile station or a mobile earth station shall indicate therein in clear form the particulars of the station, including its name, call sign and, where appropriate, the public correspondence category, as well as the general characteristics of the installation.

**18.7** 2) For land mobile stations, including stations consisting only of one or more receivers, a clause shall be included in the licence, specifically or by reference, under which the operation of these stations shall be forbidden in countries other than the country in which the licence is issued, except as may be provided by special agreement between the governments of the countries concerned.

**18.8** § 5 1) In the case of a new registration of a ship or aircraft in circumstances where delay is likely to occur in the issue of a licence by the country in which it is to be registered, the administration of the country from which the mobile station or mobile earth station wishes to make its voyage or flight may, at the request of the operating company, issue a certificate to the effect that the station complies with these Regulations. This certificate, drawn up in a form determined by the issuing administration, shall give the particulars mentioned in No. **18.6** and shall be valid only for the duration of the voyage or flight to the country in which the registration of the ship or aircraft will be effected, or for a period of three months, whichever is less.

**18.9** 2) The administration issuing the certificate shall inform the administration responsible for issuing the licence of the action taken.

**18.10** 3) The holder of the certificate shall comply with the provisions of these Regulations applicable to licence holders.

**18.11** § 6 In the case of hire, lease or interchange of aircraft, the administration having authority over the aircraft operator receiving an aircraft under such an arrangement may, by agreement with the administration of the country in which the aircraft is registered, issue a licence in conformity with that specified in No. **18.6** as a temporary substitute for the original licence.

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## RECOMMENDATION 7 (REV.WRC-97)

**Adoption of standard forms for ship station and ship earth station licences and aircraft station and aircraft earth station licences<sup>1</sup>**

The World Radiocommunication Conference (Geneva, 1997),

*considering*

- a) that the standardization of the licence forms issued to stations installed on board ships and aircraft making international voyages and flights would greatly facilitate the task of inspection of such stations;
- b) that standard licence forms for ship stations and for aircraft stations would serve as a useful guide to those administrations desiring to improve their existing national licences;
- c) that standard licence forms could be advantageously used by these administrations as the form of certification specified in No. **18.8**,

*considering further*

that the Administrative Radio Conference (Geneva, 1959), formulated:

- a) a set of principles for the draft of a standard licence form (see Annex 1);
- b) specimens of a ship station licence and of an aircraft station licence (see Annexes 2 and 3),

*considering also*

changes in radio systems and shipborne radiocommunication equipment introduced in connection with the implementation of the Global Maritime Distress and Safety System (GMDSS),

*recommends*

- 1 that administrations which find these forms practicable and acceptable should adopt them for international use;
- 2 that administrations should, as far as possible, endeavour to bring their national licence forms into line with these standard forms.

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<sup>1</sup> Throughout this Recommendation, references to ship stations may include references to ship earth stations and references to aircraft stations may include references to aircraft earth stations.

ANNEX 1 TO RECOMMENDATION 7 (REV.WRC-97)

**Principles for the formulation of standard ship and aircraft station licences**

The Administrative Radio Conference (Geneva, 1959), considered that, in formulating standard ship and aircraft station licences, the following set of principles should be applied:

- 1           The licence should, as far as possible, be prepared in tabular form, and each line and column of the table clearly numbered or lettered.
- 2           The licence for ship stations and the licences for aircraft stations should be as similar as possible.
- 3           The size of the licence should be international standard A4.
- 4           The licence should be designed in a form which facilitates its display on board a ship or an aircraft.
- 5           The licence should be printed in Latin characters in the national language of the country which issues it. Those countries whose national language cannot be written in Latin characters should use their national language and, in addition, English, Spanish or French.
- 6           The title “Ship Station Licence” or “Aircraft Station Licence” should appear at the top of the licence in the national language as well as in English, Spanish and French.

These principles were used in formulating the two standard forms which are given in Annexes 2 and 3.

ANNEX 2 TO RECOMMENDATION 7 (REV.WRC-97)

(Full name of the authority issuing the licence, in the national language)

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**SHIP STATION LICENCE  
LICENCE DE STATION DE NAVIRE  
LICENCIA DE ESTACIÓN DE BARCO**

No. ....

Period of validity .....

In accordance with (*Title of the National Regulation*) and with the Radio Regulations which complement the Constitution and the Convention of the International Telecommunication Union now in force, this authorization is herewith issued for the installation and for the use of the radio equipment described below:

1	2			3	4
Name of ship	<b>Identification of the ship station</b>			Holder of licence	Accounting authority identification code, or additional information including accounting information if required
	Call sign	MMSI	Other identification <i>(optional)</i>		

	Equipment	Type or description of equipment	Frequencies
5	Transmitters		**
6	Other equipment <i>(optional)</i>		

For the Issuing Authority:

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Place Date Authentication

\* The words "Ship Station Licence" written in the national language, if this is not English, Spanish or French.

\*\* Specifically or by reference to List V, columns 8 and 9.