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Proposed update to the Australian Radiofrequency Spectrum Plan

The Australian Maritime Safety Authority (AMSA) welcomes the opportunity to provide feedback on the proposed update to the Australian Radiofrequency Spectrum Plan (ARSP) and supports proposed changes to the ARSP to reflect the outcomes of WRC-23 recorded in Final Acts.

AMSA developed Australia's position and led negotiations on agenda item 1.11 (Resolution **361 (REV.WRC-19)**) at the International Telecommunication Union (ITU) World Radiocommunication Conference 2023 (WRC-23). The outcome included:

- finalising regulatory action to progress modernisation of the Global Maritime Distress and Safety System (GMDSS), taking into consideration the decisions of the International Maritime Organization (IMO),
- noting the implementation of e-Navigation required no changes to the Radio Regulations, and
- provisionally introducing an additional satellite system in the GMDSS.

In concluding the development of regulatory provisions to support the introduction of additional satellite systems into the GMDSS, WRC-23 provisionally recognised the candidate systems operation, specifically in Articles **5** and **33**, and Appendix **15** of the Radio Regulations, subject to the limitations provided in Resolution **365 (WRC-23)**.

Noting these limitations and the provisional nature of the amendments to the Radio Regulations, it would not be appropriate to further reflect the outcome of this issue in updates to the Australian radiocommunication licensing framework (including class licences or licence condition determinations) until further decisions are taken at WRC-27.

Yours sincerely

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