



To: IMSO Member States
SOLAS Contracting Governments
Related intergovernmental organizations
IMSO Observers
MSI providers and SAR centres

From: IMSO Director General

Subject: Quarterly IMSO Briefings

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QUARTERLY IMSO BRIEFINGS INFORMATION AND SCHEDULE

1 In view of continued global concern over the COVID-19 pandemic, and in order to ensure business continuity of the International Mobile Satellite organization (IMSO) while protecting the health and well-being of our delegates and staff, the Director General has decided to introduce quarterly virtual regional briefings for the Member States, Observers, SOLAS Contracting Governments, Maritime Safety Information (MSI) providers (NAVAREA and METAREA Coordinators) and SAR entities (Rescue Coordination Centres).

2 The briefings will focus on providing the stakeholders with the updates on the Organization's ongoing works and recent developments and will facilitate receiving comments.

3 While the travel restrictions and social distancing rules have reduced the usual IMSO's interaction with its Member States and the parties mentioned above, IMSO has been utilising telecommunication facilities to conduct its activities for overseeing the mobile satellite communication services, in particular, the GMDSS and execution of its role as LRIT Coordinator. In this regard, IMSO issued Circular Letter IMSO/2020/COVID-19/CL/001 which is accessible on the IMSO public website (<https://imso.org/circulars>) and the Members Area Portal.

4 The first set of briefings will cover the period since the seventh session of the IMO Sub-Committee on Navigation, Communications and Search and Rescue (NCSR), held in January 2020. Detailed information on how to register, along with other practical information can be found on <https://imso.org/briefing/>. Detailed technical information on how to access the meeting will be emailed to the registered participants in due course. The schedule for the quarterly briefing is as follows¹:

- 14 July 2020 - 05 am UTC - MSIP (Asia and Oceania)
- 14 July 2020 - 08 am UTC - MSIP (Africa and Europe)
- 14 July 2020 - 04 pm UTC - MSIP (Americas)

- 15 July 2020 - 06 am UTC - RCC (Asia)
- 15 July 2020 - 09 am UTC - RCC (Africa)
- 15 July 2020 - 01 pm UTC - RCC (Europe)
- 15 July 2020 - 04 pm UTC - RCC (Americas)
- 15 July 2020 - 09 pm UTC - RCC (Oceania)

- 16 July 2020 - 06 am UTC - Member States, SOLAS CG & Observers (Asia)
- 16 July 2020 - 09 am UTC - Member States, SOLAS CG & Observers (Africa)
- 16 July 2020 - 01 pm UTC - Member States, SOLAS CG & Observers (Europe)
- 16 July 2020 - 04 pm UTC - Member States, SOLAS CG & Observers (Americas)
- 16 July 2020 - 09 pm UTC - Member States, SOLAS CG & Observers (Oceania)

5 The Directorate staff members remain contactable via their usual e-mail addresses or telephone numbers that can be found at IMSO website <https://imso.org/imso-directorate-team>.

6 The Director General would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your understanding and flexibility and for your continued support. In the meantime, stay healthy and safe.

¹ Quarterly briefings will be presented in English only.