



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 – Q4

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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 hold quarterly virtual 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 first set of the quarterly briefings was successfully delivered from 14 to 16 July this year. It provided the stakeholders with an introduction to the Organization functions, and updates on its ongoing works and recent developments.

3 Considering the experience acquired during this first session and the feedback from the attendees, it was decided to present the quarterly briefing in only one short session, in a suitable time to allow the attendance from all stakeholders.

4 The second session of the IMSO's quarterly briefing<sup>1</sup> will be held on **12 November 2020, at 1100 UTC**. The participation will include the Member States, Maritime Safety Information Providers, Rescue Coordination Centres and observers such as international and intergovernmental organizations and companies subject to IMSO's oversight.

5 This second briefing session will cover the period since July 2020. Detailed information on how to register, along with other practical advice about the briefing session can be found on <https://imso.org/briefing/>. Further information on how to access the meeting will be e-mailed to the registered participants in due course.

6 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>.

7 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.

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<sup>1</sup> Quarterly briefings will be presented in English only.