Commencement: 31 August 1981

MARITIME (RADIO) REGULATIONS

Order 112 of 1981
Order 6 of 1982

To provide regulations for radio on Vanuatu vessels.

1. Interpretation
In these regulations –

"Act" means the Maritime Act, Cap. 131;

"Administrator" means the Maritime Administrator appointed under section 4 of the Act;

"Commissioner" means the Commissioner of Maritime Affairs appointed under section 2 of the Act;

"Deputy Commissioner" means the Deputy Commissioner appointed under section 3 of the Act;

"Dollar or $" means the United States Dollar;

"Minister" means the Minister responsible for telecommunication.

2. Ship radio station licences
(1) The Minister, or a Deputy Commissioner at a foreign port, may licence ship radio transmitting stations on Vanuatu vessels registered under the Act and may issue licences therefor. No licence so issued shall be assigned or in any way transferred.

(2) A licence issued under subregulation (1) shall be valid for a period of 4 years from the date of issue and may be renewed. A licence may be revoked at any time by the Minister.

(3) Applications for ship radio transmitting station licences, modifications or renewals thereof, shall be submitted to the Minister, or a Deputy Commissioner at a foreign port.

(4) An application for authority to establish and use a station for radiocommunication on board a ship shall be in the form set out in part 1 of the Schedule.

(5) ship station licence shall be in the form set out in part 2 of the Schedule.

3. Radio call and signal letters, frequency assignments
The Minister, or a Deputy Commissioner at a foreign port, may assign radio call and signal letters and frequencies to a vessel which satisfies all the requirements for the issue of a Certificate of Registry under the Act.

4. Radio operators
(1) On every Vanuatu vessel registered under the Act, the service of ship radiotelegraph and ship radiotelephone stations shall be controlled by an operator holding a valid certificate of competency in the proper class or category, issued or recognised by the Minister, or a Deputy Commissioner at a foreign port. Provided the station is controlled by such operator, other persons besides the holder of the certificate may use the radiotelephone equipment.

(2) Every operator who is eligible for the issue of a radiotelegraph or radiotelephone certificate, shall, as a condition precedent to the issue of such certificate, submit to the Minister, or a Deputy Commissioner at a foreign port, a sworn or affirmed statement that he will maintain the secrecy of radio correspondence which is not intended for the general use of the public, and that he will conform to the regulations annexed to the International Telecommunication Convention in force.

5. Service contract required
(1) Every Vanuatu vessel registered under the Act shall be covered by a properly executed contract with a radio company recognised and approved by the Commissioner, or Deputy Commissioner at a foreign port, under which contract the radio company assumes all accounting obligations and the obligation to secure a ship radio station licence.

(2) Upon determination by the Commissioner, or a Deputy Commissioner at a foreign port, based upon evidence submitted by a ship owner sufficient to show inability to secure a proper contract with any recognised and approved radio company, an application for a ship radio station licence which designates the Administrator accounting agent, may be accepted.

6. Fees

The following fees shall be payable to, and shall be invoiced and collected by, the Minister, or a Deputy Commissioner at a foreign port –

(a) issue or renewal of a Ship Radio Station Licence, valid for 4 years; …….. $280

(b) issue or renewal of Temporary Authority to Operate a Ship Radio Station, valid for 3 months; ……..… $50

(c) examination of an applicant for a Certificate of Competency including the initial issue of certificate upon qualification. …… $100

SCHEDULE

MARITIME (RADIO) REGULATIONS

PART 1

(regulation 2(4))

REPUBLIC OF VANUATU

APPLICATION FOR AUTHORITY TO ESTABLISH AND USE STATION FOR RADIOCOMMUNICATION ON BOARD A SHIP

Name of ship	
Port of registry	
Official number	
Name of owner in full	
Address of owner or agent Responsible for settlement of account	
Date from which licence is required	

DETAILS OF EQUIPMENT INSTALLED			
	Make/Model	Power	Frequencies
Principal transmitters Telegraphy: Telephony:			
Emergency transmitters:			
Survival craft transmitters:			
Other transmitting equipment: (including automatic devices, mobiles, radar, etc.)			

I, the undersigned, declare that the particulars given above are true to the best of my knowledge and belief. I understand that I am required to conform to the provisions of the radio regulations annexed to the International Telecommunication Convention and to the provisions of the Vanuatu Maritime (Radio) Regulations.

.... ……

Place **Date** **Signature of Applicant**

PART 2

(regulation 2(5))

REPUBLIC OF VANUATU

SHIP STATION LICENCE
LICENCE DE STATION DE NAVIRE
LICENCIA DE LA ESTACION DE BARCO

No. .....

Valid until .....

In accordance with the Vanuatu Maritime (Radio) Regulations and with the radio regulations annexed to the International Telecommunication Convention now in force, this authorization is herewith issued for the installation and for use of the radio equipment described below -

1	2	3	4
Name of ship	Call sign	Owner of ship	Public correspondence category

		A	B	c	D
	Equipment	Make and model	Power (watts)	Class of emission	Frequency bands or assigned frequencies
5	Transmitters				
6	Ship's emergency transmitters				
7	Survival craft transmitters				
8	Other equipment				

By direction of the Minister:

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Place **Date** **Deputy Commissioner Maritime Affairs**