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**Applicable to: This circular should be brought to the attention of ship-owners, ship managers, operators and masters of Vanuatu-registered ships.**

### **RE: Fines for False EPIRB and SSAS Alerts**

Due to the high number of false EPIRB and SSAS alerts this Administration will fine each vessel \$100 USD for each false alert, unless the owner or manager informs this Administration in a timely manner that there is such a false alert. This does not supersede Vanuatu Regulations authorizing this Administration to fine a vessel owner \$3000 USD for the activation of an EPIRB after the deletion of the vessel that the EPIRB belongs to from the Vanuatu Registry.

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by the direction of  
The Deputy Commissioner of Maritime Affairs  
The Republic of Vanuatu

