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Circular information
E-Mail To All distributors

Re: FELCOM 15/16 TA Status Update

We are pleased to advise you that Inmarsat tests to Furuno SSAS have finished successfully, and the following is the current status on FELCOM 15/16. This time the new certificates to be issued are the extension of the certificates of FELCOM 15/16, so that differentiation is made by software versions:

Namely,

1. FELCOM 16, Software version V. 01-----FELCOM 16 original model
2. FELCOM 16, Software version V. 03-----FELCOM 16 FEC' proprietary SSAS
MSG function
3. FELCOM 16, Software version V. 02-----FELCOM 16 CN-137 function
4. FELCOM 16, Software version V. 04-----FELCOM 16 CN-137 + FEC'
proprietary SSAS MSG function
5. FELCOM 15, Software version V. 01-----FELCOM 15 original model
6. FELCOM 15, Software version V. 03-----FELCOM 15 Distress + FEC'
proprietary SSAS MSG function
7. FELCOM 15, Software version V. 02-----FELCOM 15 Distress + CN-137
function
8. FELCOM 15, Software version V. 04-----FELCOM 15 Distress + CN-137 +
FEC' proprietary SSAS MSG function

1 and 5 were issued already.

2 was issued on February 11, 2004, which is attached hereto.

6 will be issued next week (the week of February 16).

And 3, 4, 7, 8 will be issued as conditional Type approval Particulars since Inmarsat SDM, CN-137 has not yet approved by IMO, which will be cleared after COMSAR 8 session which ends on February 20, 2004.

Best regards,
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