

MMSI Reset – Old and New

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Rec. ITU-R M.493-13

“Once stored, it should not be possible for the user to change the MMSI without advice from the manufacturer.”

Rec. ITU-R M.493-15

“Once stored, it should only be possible for an authorised user to change the MMSI with advice/cooperation from the manufacturer.”

IEC 62238:2003

“After the MMSI has been stored, it shall not be possible to change the identity number using any combination of operator controls”

IEC 62238 draft revision by RTCM SC101

“After the MMSI has been stored, it shall only be possible to change the MMSI with advice/cooperation from the manufacturer. Means shall be provided to enable the stored MMSI to be reset by the user without requiring the unit to be removed from the vessel. See also §4.12.2.”

4.12 User Manual:

“The user manual or additional instruction shall include an explanation on how MMSIs are obtained, registered and registration maintained in the country the radio is marketed or sold. The manual or additional instruction shall also include procedures to be followed when radio or the vessel on which the radio is installed is resold.

“The manual shall include an explanation of the means, procedures and indication of any costs, required for the owner of the radio to reset own-ship MMSI as described in §5.3. The estimated time to complete the procedure shall also be stated.”

RTCM 10150.0 (VHF Handheld)

“After the MMSI has been stored, it shall not be possible to change the identity number using any combination of operator controls. The radio’s MMSI shall be accessible to the user.

“Facilities shall be included in the radio to permit a manufacturer, dealer or service agent to delete the MMSI stored in the radio, so that a new MMSI can be entered in the radio.”