



THE REPUBLIC OF LIBERIA
LIBERIA MARITIME AUTHORITY

Marine Notice

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**TO: ALL SHIPOWNERS, OPERATORS, MASTERS AND OFFICERS OF
MERCHANT SHIPS, AND AUTHORIZED CLASSIFICATION SOCIETIES**

SUBJECT: Ship Radio Station Watchkeeping Hours

Reference: (a) Maritime Regulation 6-180
(b) ITU Radio Regulations Article 57
(c) ITU Radio Regulations Appendix 13
(d) ITU-R Recommendation M.1169

Supersedes: Marine Notice 6-180-5 dated 1/00

The following changes have been included:

Revise and updates the list of ITU references

PURPOSE:

This Notice provides guidelines on mandated ship radio station watchkeeping hours.

APPLICABILITY:

This Notice applies to all Liberian flag vessels equipped with ship radio stations.

REQUIREMENTS:

Ship Stations shall maintain the following hours¹ of service:

- 1.0** First category Ship Stations are to maintain continuous service around the clock.
- 2.0** Second category Ships Stations: 0000-0400; 0800-1200; 1600-1800; 2000-2200;
and, additionally, four (4) hours of service at times to be decided by the Master, to meet the essential communication needs of the ship, having regard to propagation conditions and traffic requirements.
- 3.0** Third category Ship Stations: 0800-1200; two (2) continuous hours of service between 1800-2200; and, additionally, two (2) hours of service at times to be decided by the Master,

1. All radio watchkeeping hours shall be in ship's time.

to meet the essential communication needs of the ship, having regard to propagation conditions and traffic requirements.

4.0 Fourth category Ship Stations are urged to provide service from 0830-0930.

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