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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 58 and Appendix 12**

**Supersedes: Marine Notice 6-180-5 dated 1/98**

**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:**

Effective immediately Ship Stations shall maintain the following hours<sup>1</sup> 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, 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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\* ALL RADIO WATCHKEEPING HOURS SHALL BE IN SHIP'S TIME.