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equipment for the maritime mobile service operating  
in the VHF bands with integrated handheld class D DSC;  
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of articles 3.2 and 3.3(g) of the Directive 2014/53/EU**

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# 1 Scope

The present document states the minimum technical characteristics and methods of measurement required for portable Very High Frequency (VHF) radiotelephones with integrated handheld class D DSC operating in certain frequency bands allocated to the maritime mobile service using either 25 kHz channels or 25 KHz and 12,5 kHz channels.

The present document also specifies technical characteristics, methods of measurement and required test results.

The present document contains requirements to demonstrate that "... *Radio equipment shall be so constructed that it both effectively uses and supports the efficient use of radio spectrum in order to avoid harmful interference*" and that "....*radio equipment supports certain features ensuring access to emergency services*" [i.5].

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## 2 References

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- [2] Recommendation ITU-T E.161 (2001): "Arrangement of digits, letters and symbols on telephones and other devices that can be used for gaining access to a telephone network".
- [3] Recommendation ITU-R M.493-13 (2009): "Digital selective-calling system for use in the maritime mobile service".
- [4] ETSI EN 300 225 (V1.4.1) (12-2004): "Electromagnetic compatibility and Radio spectrum Matters (ERM); Technical characteristics and methods of measurement for survival craft portable VHF radiotelephone apparatus".
- [5] Recommendation ITU-R M.1084-5 (2012): "Interim solutions for improved efficiency in the use of the band 156-174 MHz by stations in the maritime mobile service".
- [6] ETSI EN 300 338-5 (V1.1.1) (02-2011): "Electromagnetic compatibility and Radio spectrum Matters (ERM); Technical characteristics and methods of measurement for equipment for generation, transmission and reception of Digital Selective Calling (DSC) in the maritime MF, MF/HF and/or VHF mobile service; Part 5: Handheld VHF Class D DSC".
- [7] CENELEC EN 61108 (all parts) (1998 - 2003 - 2004 - 2010): "Maritime navigation and radiocommunication equipment and systems - Global navigation satellite systems (GNSS)".
- [8] CENELEC EN 60529:1991/A1:2000: "Degrees of protection provided by enclosures (IP Code)".
- [9] ETSI TS 103 052 (V1.1.1) (03-2011): "Electromagnetic compatibility and Radio spectrum Matters (ERM); Radiated measurement methods and general arrangements for test sites up to 100 GHz".

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- [i.1] ETSI TS 101 570-5 (V1.1.1): "Electromagnetic compatibility and Radio spectrum Matters (ERM); Interoperability Testing for Maritime Digital Selective Calling (DSC) Radios; Part 5: Handheld VHF Class D Test Descriptions".
- [i.2] Recommendation ITU-R M.541-9 (2004): "Operational procedures for the use of digital selective-calling equipment in the maritime mobile service".
- [i.3] Recommendation ITU-T O.41 (1994): "Psophometer for use on telephone-type circuits".
- [i.4] Recommendation ITU-R SM.332-4 (1978): "Selectivity of receivers".
- [i.5] Directive 2014/53/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council of 16 April 2014 on the harmonisation of the laws of the Member States relating to the making available on the market of radio equipment and repealing Directive 1999/5/EC.
- [i.6] ETSI TR 100 028-1 (V1.4.1) (12-2001): "Electromagnetic compatibility and Radio spectrum Matters (ERM); Uncertainties in the measurement of mobile radio equipment characteristics; Part 1".
- [i.7] ETSI TR 100 028-2 (V1.4.1) (12-2001): "Electromagnetic compatibility and Radio spectrum Matters (ERM); Uncertainties in the measurement of mobile radio equipment characteristics; Part 2".

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## 3 Definitions, symbols and abbreviations

### 3.1 Definitions

For the purposes of the present document, the following terms and definitions apply:

**block:** to inhibit a function by making it inaccessible from the user interface

**detachable antenna:** antenna fixed to the equipment by means of an antenna connector and detachable by the user

**G3E:** phase-modulation (frequency modulation with a pre-emphasis of 6 dB/octave) for speech

**integral antenna:** antenna that is permanently fixed to the equipment and not detachable by the user

**modulation index:** ratio between the frequency deviation and the modulation frequency

**performance check:** check of:

- the transmitter carrier power and frequency; and
- receiver sensitivity

### 3.2 Symbols

For the purposes of the present document, the following symbols apply:

dBA                      Relative to  $2 \times 10^{-5}$  Pa

### 3.3 Abbreviations

For the purposes of the present document, the following abbreviations apply:

ad	amplitude difference
AIS	Automatic Identification System
DSC	Digital Selective Calling
EFTA	European Free Trade Association
emf	electromotive force
EU	European Union
EUT	Equipment Under Test
fd	frequency difference
FM	Frequency Modulation
FSK	Frequency Shift Keying
GNSS	Global Navigation Satellite System
GPS	Global Positioning System
IF	Intermediate Frequency
ITU-R	International Telecommunication Union - Radiocommunication Sector
ITU-T	International Telecommunication Union - Telecommunication Sector
MPFD	Maximum Permissible Frequency Deviation
RF	Radio Frequency
rms	root mean square
RT	Radio Telephony
SINAD	(Signal + Noise + Distortion)/(Noise + Distortion)
VHF	Very High Frequency

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## 4 General and operational requirements

### 4.0 Conformance

The manufacturer shall declare that compliance to the requirements of clause 4 is achieved and shall provide relevant documentation.

### 4.1 Construction

The mechanical and electrical construction and finish of the equipment shall conform in all respects to good engineering practice, and the equipment shall be suitable for use on board ships.

All controls shall be of sufficient size to enable the usual control functions to be easily performed and the number of controls should be the minimum necessary for simple and satisfactory operation.

All parts of the equipment to be checked during inspection or maintenance operations shall be readily accessible. The components shall be readily identifiable.

Technical documentation shall be supplied with the equipment.

The VHF maritime mobile service uses both single-frequency and two-frequency channels. For two-frequency channels there shall be a separation of 4,6 MHz between the transmitting frequency and the receiving frequency (see ITU Radio Regulations appendix 18 [1]).

The equipment shall incorporate an integrated GNSS receiver. Manufacturers shall provide evidence that the GNSS device complies with the applicable part of CENELEC 61108 series, for instance part 1 for a GPS receiver [7].

The equipment shall have a minimum protection level of IP54 [8].

The equipment shall be capable of operating on single frequency and two-frequency channels with manual control (simplex).

The equipment shall be of a colour which distinguishes it from the portable VHF equipment specified in ETSI EN 300 225 [4].

The equipment shall be able to operate on all channels defined in ITU Radio Regulations, appendix 18 [1], noting in particular footnotes m) and e).

Additional VHF channels for maritime use outside those defined by Appendix 18 to the Radio Regulations may also be provided where permitted by relevant administrations. These channels shall be clearly identified for use as relating to the relevant administration(s) and accessed through a positive action(s) for enabling use of these channel(s) but means shall be provided to block any or all of these additional channels if required by the relevant administration(s).

If 12,5 kHz channels are implemented in the equipment it shall be in accordance with Recommendation ITU-R M.1084-5 [5].

The equipment shall be so designed that use of channel 70 for purposes other than DSC is prevented (see Recommendations ITU-R M.493-14 [3] and M.541-9 [i.2]), and that use of channels AIS1 and AIS2 for purposes other than AIS is prevented.

Scan or multiple watch may be provided but means shall be provided to block or unblock these functions.

If the equipment is fitted with an auxiliary antenna connector, simultaneous connection of both the auxiliary antenna and the normal antenna shall be prevented.

It shall not be possible to transmit while any frequency synthesizer used within the transmitter is out of lock.

It shall not be possible to transmit during channel switching operations.

## 4.2 Controls and indicators

The equipment shall have a channel selector and shall indicate the designator, as shown in ITU Radio Regulations, appendix 18 [1], of the channel at which the equipment is set. The channel designator shall be legible irrespective of the external lighting conditions.

Channel 16 shall be distinctively marked. Selection of channel 16, shall be preferably by readily accessible means (e.g. a distinctively marked key). Selection of channel 16 by any means shall automatically set the transmitter output power to maximum. This power level may subsequently be reduced by manual user control if required.

Where an input panel on the equipment for entering the digits 0 to 9 is provided, this shall conform to Recommendation ITU-T E.161 [2].

The equipment shall have the following additional controls and indicators:

- on/off switch for the equipment with a visual indication that the equipment is in operation;
- a manual, non-locking push to talk switch to operate the transmitter with a visual indication that the transmitter is activated and facilities to limit the transmission time to a maximum of 5 minutes. A short audible alarm and a visual indication may be provided to show when the transmission will be automatically terminated within the next 10 s. It shall be possible to reoperate the push to talk switch and reactivate the transmitter after a 10 s period;
- a switch for reducing transmitter output power to no more than 1 W where the RF output power is more than 1 W;
- an audio frequency power volume control;
- a squelch control;
- a visual indication that the transmitter is activated.

The equipment shall also meet the following requirements:

- the user shall not have access to any control which, if wrongly set, might impair the technical characteristics of the equipment.

## 4.3 Microphone and loudspeaker

The equipment shall be fitted with an integral microphone and an integral loudspeaker.

During transmission the receiver output shall be muted.

## 4.4 Safety precautions

Measures shall be taken to protect the equipment against the effects of overcurrent or overvoltage.

Measures shall be taken to prevent damage to the equipment that might arise from an accidental reversal of polarity of the electrical power source.

No damage to the equipment shall occur when the antenna terminals are placed on open circuit or short circuit while transmitting for a period of at least 5 minutes in each case.

In order to provide protection against damage due to the build up of static voltages at the antenna terminals, there shall be a dc path from the antenna terminals to chassis not exceeding 100 k $\Omega$ .

The information in any volatile memory device shall be protected from interruptions in the power supply of up to 60 s duration.

## 4.5 Labelling

All controls, instruments, indicators and terminals shall be clearly labelled.

Details of any external power supply from which the equipment is intended to operate shall be clearly indicated on the equipment.

The equipment shall be clearly and indelibly marked on the exterior with the identification of the manufacturer, type designation of the equipment, the serial number of the unit.

The compass safe distance shall be stated on the equipment.

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# 5 Technical requirements

## 5.0 Conformance

The manufacturer shall declare that compliance to the requirements of clause 5 is achieved and shall provide relevant documentation.

## 5.1 Switching time

The channel switching arrangement shall be such that the time necessary to change over from using one of the channels to using any other channel does not exceed 5 s.

The time necessary to change over from transmission to reception or vice versa, shall not exceed 0,3 s.

## 5.2 Class of emission and modulation characteristics

The equipment shall use phase modulation, G3E (frequency modulation with a pre-emphasis of 6 dB/octave) for speech and G2B for DSC signalling.

The equipment shall be designed to operate satisfactorily with channel separations of either 25 kHz or 12,5 kHz and 25 kHz.