



NETHERLANDS COASTGUARD (JRCC Den Helder)

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RADIO MEDICAL SERVICE.

Based on International Regulations The Kingdom of The Netherlands will supply a Radio Medical Service to assist seafarers in case of sickness or accidents on board vessels. Until December 31st 1998 the Dutch Red Cross was the responsible authority for this service. As of January 1999 this service is rendered by 6 physicians, contracted by the K.N.R.M. (Koninklijke Nederlandse Redding Maatschappij - Royal Netherlands Sea-Rescue Organization). The Netherlands Coastguard Radio will intermediate between the vessel and the doctor of the Radio Medical Service.

The procedure for obtaining Radio Medical Advice is as follows:

VHF:

After prior contact on VHF-DSC channel 70 (MMSI Number of Netherlands Coastguard Radio = 002442000) the vessel can contact the Netherlands Coastguard Radio on VHF channel 16. Depending on the position of the vessel VHF channel 23 or VHF channel 83 will be assigned to the vessel. When communications are established on this working channel the vessel will be connected to one of the doctors of the Radio Medical Service.

MF:

After prior contact on MF-DSC 2187,5 kHz (MMSI Number of Netherlands Coastguard Radio = 002442000) the vessel can contact the Netherlands Coastguard Radio on MF 2182 kHz. Depending on the position of the vessel a working channel will be assigned to the vessel.

The Netherlands Coastguard Radio will transmit on 2824 kHz and receive on 2520 kHz, or

The Netherlands Coastguard Radio will transmit on 1890 kHz and receive on 2045, 2048, 2051, 2054 or 2057 kHz. When communications are established on this working channel the vessel will be connected to one of the doctors of the Radio Medical Service.

INMARSAT A/B TELEPHONE (VOICE): through LES Burum (Xantic):

The vessel must use the **code 32** and will automatically be connected to the Netherlands Coastguard. After exchange of information the vessel will be connected to one of the doctors of the Radio Medical Service.

Note: *Only when the vessel makes use of the short code 32 the call can be patched through to the doctor of the Radio Medical Service. Therefore do not use any other code or telephone number. !!!*

INMARSAT A/B/C TELEX : through LES Burum (Xantic):

The vessel must use the **code 32 or 38** and will automatically be connected to a store-and-forward computer where the vessel must drop its message. (**2-way contact is NOT possible**). After the message has been received in the computer, the system will forward the message to the doctor of the Radio Medical Service. The answer of the doctor is sent to this computer system which will forward the message from the doctor to the vessel.

Note: *Do NOT use any other code than 32 or 38 for Radio Medical Advice by Telex.*

The use of any other number will fail in obtaining any information.

The Radio Medical Service is free of charge.

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