





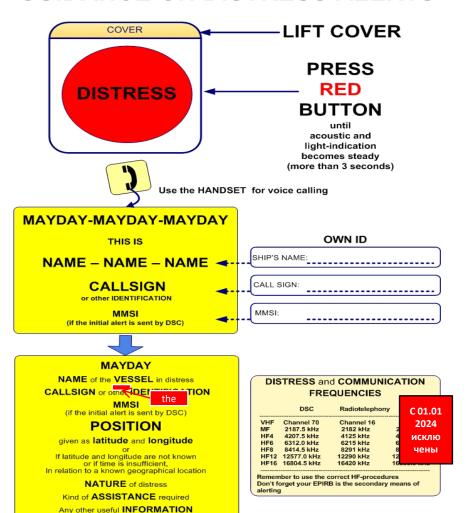
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#### GUIDANCE ON DISTRESS ALERTS

- 1 The Sub-Committee on Radiocommunications and Search and Rescue (COMSAR), at its thirteenth session (19 to 23 January 2009), finalized the annexed Guidance on distress alerts, describing the operating procedure for a distress alert.
- 2 Member Governments are invited to bring the annexed guidance to the attention of their shipowners, seafarers and all others concerned.

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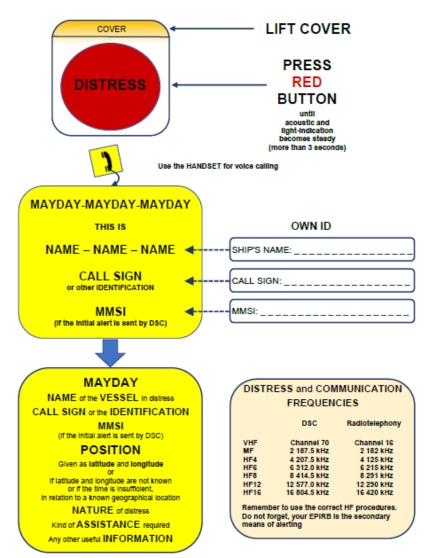


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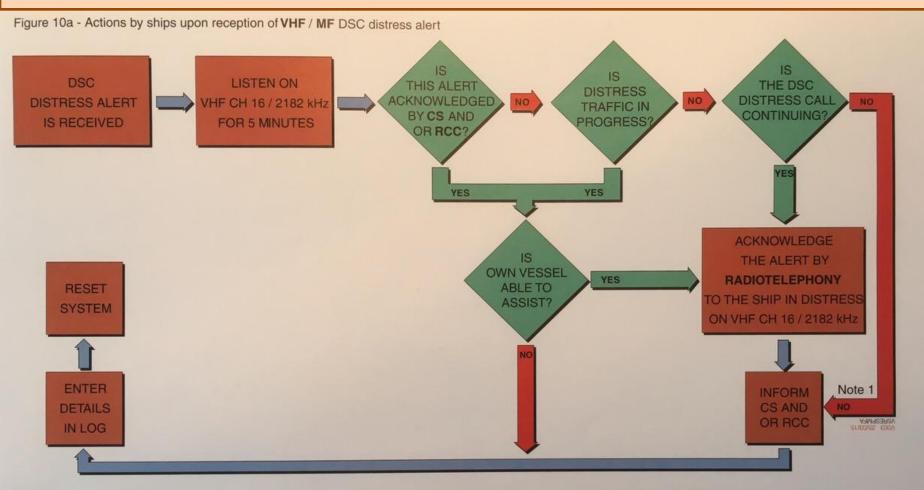
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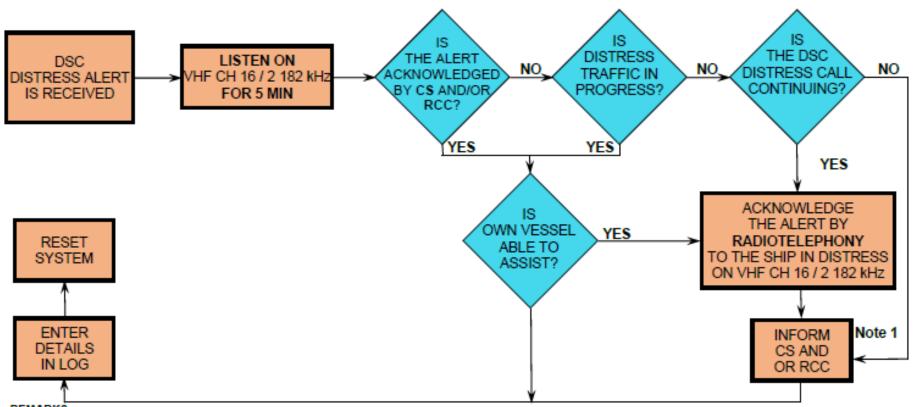
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- Note 1: Appropriate or relevant RCC and/or Coast Station shall be informed accordingly. If further DSC alerts are received from the same source and the ship in distress is beyond doubt in the vicinity, a DSC acknowledgement may, after consultation with an RCC or coast station, be sent to terminate the call.
- Note 2: In no case is a ship permitted to transmit an all ships DSC relay on receipt of a DSC distress on either VHF or MF channels. If no aural watch is present on the relative channel (2182 kHz on MF, Ch16 on VHF), the coast station should be contacted by sending an individual DSC distress relay call.



## FLOW DIAGRAM 1

## ACTIONS BY SHIPS UPON RECEPTION OF A VHF / MF DSC DISTRESS ALERT

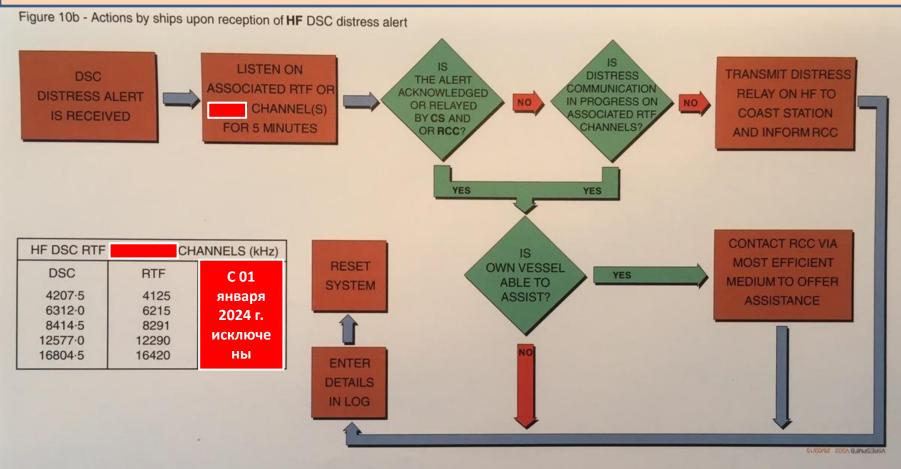


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Note 2: In no case is a ship permitted to transmit a DSC distress alert relay on receipt of a DSC distress alert on either VHF channel 70 or MF channel 2 187.5 kHz.

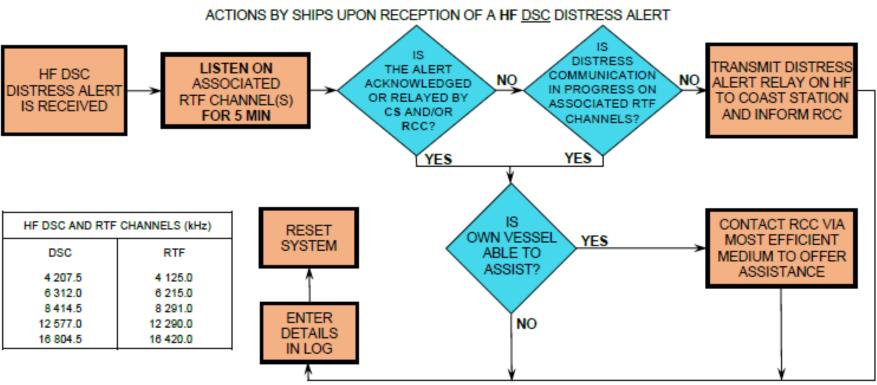
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- Note 1: If it is clear the ship or person in distress are not in the vicinity and/or other craft are better placed to assist, superfluous communications which could interfere with search and rescue activities are to be avoided. Details should be recorded in the appropriate logbook.
- Note 2: The ship should establish communications with the station controlling the distress as directed and render such assistance as required and appropriate.
- Note 3: Distress relay calls should be initiated manually



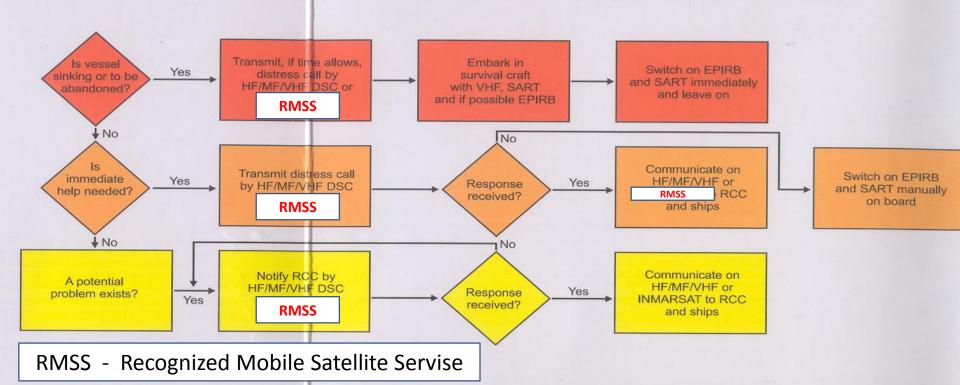
## FLOW DIAGRAM 2



### REMARKS:

- NOTE 1: If it is clear the ship or persons in distress are not in the vicinity and/or other crafts are better placed to assist, superfluous communications which could interfere with search and rescue activities are to be avoided. Details should be recorded in the appropriate logbook.
- NOTE 2: The ship should establish communications with the station controlling the distress as directed and render such assistance as required and appropriate.
- NOTE 3: Distress alert relays should be initiated manually.

# GMDS\$ OPERATING GUIDANCE FOR SHIPS IN DISTRESS SITUATIONS



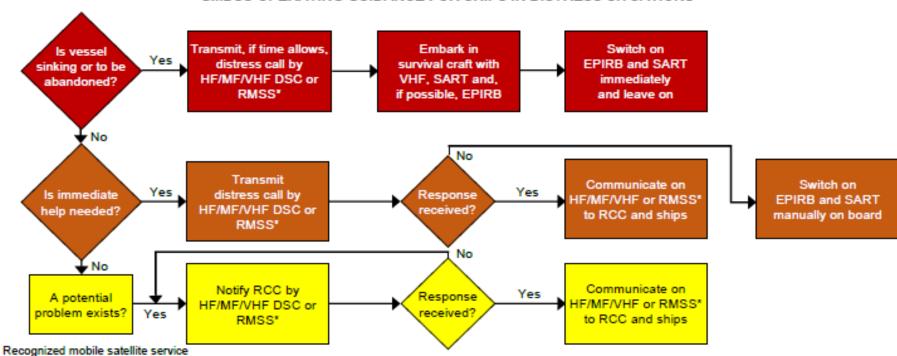
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- Where necessary, ships should use any appropriate means to alert other ships.
- Nothing above is intended to preclude the use of any and all available means of distress alerting.

# RADIO DISTRESS COMMUNICATIONS

	Digital selective calling (DSC)	Radiotelephone	Radiotelex
VHF	Channel 70	Channel 16	
MF	2187.5 kHz	2182 kHz	C 1 gupone
HF4	4207.5 kHz	4125 kHz	С 1 января
HF6	6312 kHz	6215 kHz	2024 г.
HF8	8414.5 kHz	8291 kHz	202-7
HF12	12577 kHz	12290 kHz	исключаются
HF16	16804.5 kHz	16420 kHz	



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	Frequencies for Distress Communications		
	Digital selective calling (DSC)	Radiotelephone	
VHF	Channel 70	Channel 16	
MF	2 187.5 kHz	2 182 kHz	
HF4	4 207.5 kHz	4 125 kHz	
HF6	6 312.0 kHz	6 215 kHz	
HF8	8 414.5 kHz	8 291 kHz	
HF12	12 577.0 kHz	12 290 kHz	
HF16	16 804.5 kHz	16 420 kHz	

