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(Submitted by email)

Subject: RSS-288 - *Global Maritime Distress and Safety System (GMDSS)*

Dear Josette Gallant,

In December 2025, the Department requested that RABC review draft new issue 2 of RSS-288, issue 2 *Global Maritime Distress and Safety System (GMDSS)*. The Board assigned the review of the standard to the Public Safety Subcommittee (a subcommittee of RABC's Mobile and Personal Communications Committee). The subcommittee held one meeting to review the proposed changes to the standard.

The review by the subcommittee has not yielded any concerns with the new draft of RSS-288. Accordingly, the Board recommends the standard be published.

In addition, at the request of the Department, RABC posted the draft standard on its website to facilitate comments from Canada's World Trade Organization (WTO) partners. Two (2) comments were received on our WTO portal and forwarded to the Department for consideration.

The Board has now completed its review. We appreciate having had the opportunity to review the proposed changes to the standard.

Sincerely,



J. David Farnes
General Manager