POLAND

1. REGULATIONS

1.1 General

EPIRBs, ELTs and PLBs are regarded as means of telecommunications. Therefore, are required to obtain the appropriate licence from the Polish Telecommunication Authority for establishment and use of its telecommunication means.

All 406 MHz beacons carried by Polish registered aircraft and ships as well as personal beacons use by Polish citizens require appropriate coding and registration.

1.2 EPIRBs

All cargo seagoing ships above 300 GRT and passenger ships shall be equipped with a 406 MHz EPIRB. Voluntary carriage of 406 MHz EPIRB is permitted on Polish non SOLAS vessels and pleasure yachts. All fishing vessels in areas outside GMDSS sea area A1 are required to carry a float-free satellite EPIRB. Only coding with MMSI is permitted. The Office of Electronic Communications issues an MMSI number to each ship for radio equipment.

The regulation of Minister of Transport, Construction and Maritime Economy in regard to beacon registration was signed on 4 September 2013, OJ 13.1132.

CAA decided that Serial User Protocol and Standard Location Protocol with EPIRB serial number shall be used for coding of EPIRB used by aircraft in Poland.

1.3 ELTs


1.4 PLBs

406 MHz PLBs are allowed for personal use in Poland on land, in aircraft and at sea.

Aviation:
PLB use as replacement for mandatory ELT see Commission Regulation (UE) No 965/2012.

Maritime:
PLB may not replace EPIRB on board vessels when they are required by national or international rules.
### 1.4.1 National Beacon Regulations for Serial-Coded PLBs

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Similar information is available in the new table on the Cospas-Sarsat website ([www.cospas-sarsat.int](http://www.cospas-sarsat.int)) with the status indication in colors (Y = green, allows / N = red, not allowed / Restrictions = amber (see comments) and with the note that the national beacon regulations can be found on the Cospas-Sarsat website in document C/S S.007).

### 1.5 Return Link Service (RLS) Protocol Beacons

A registration database for RLS beacons is:

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### 2. BEACONS CODING METHODS

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Notes:

* Device serial number assigned by a manufacturer with the Cospas-Sarsat type approval certificate number. The protocol is allowed for ELT (AP) and ELT (S).

** Device serial number assigned by a manufacturer with the Cospas-Sarsat type approval certificate number (TAC number).

*** Device serial number assigned by a manufacturer with the Cospas-Sarsat type approval certificate number. The protocol is allowed to EPIRB that is an equipment of aircraft.

3. LIST OF BEACON MODELS TYPE APPROVED BY ADMINISTRATION

Not available.

4. BEACON TESTING REGULATION

The distress beacons should only be activated when a ship, aircraft or a person is in distress. In between the manufacturers’ recommended maintenance and battery replacement cycles, the beacon can be tested by the owner using the self-test capability to ensure the continued functionality of the beacon.

There is normally no need for the beacon to be tested in an operational mode by a beacon owner.

All beacon types (EPIRBs, ELTs, and PLBs) can be tested at any time using the self-test functions without any notification to ARCC Warsaw.

If a beacon is inadvertently activated in its operational mode a beacon’s owner should contact ARCC Warsaw as soon as possible.

In rare circumstances, there may be a need to activate a beacon in its operational mode for test or training purposes, e.g., search and rescue training exercises. Requests to conduct a live beacon test should be sent by fax or email to ARCC Warsaw 24 hours before the test.

The contact details to ARCC Warsaw are available at [https://www.cospas-sarsat.int/en/contacts-pro/contacts-details-all](https://www.cospas-sarsat.int/en/contacts-pro/contacts-details-all), selecting “SPOC”.

The information about test should be provided:

- objective of the test,
- description of the test,
- location of the test,
- date, time and duration of the test,
- beacon Hex ID (15 hexadecimal characters),
5. POINT OF CONTACT FOR BEACON MATTERS (CODING, REGISTRATION AND TYPE APPROVAL)

There is the national database for EPIRBs, ELTs and PLBs in Poland. The database is compiled by the Polish Civil Aviation Authority in accordance with the decree of the Minister of Transport, Construction and Maritime Economy (OJ.2013.11320).

The beacon Hex ID is validated before registration. Only properly coded beacons with Polish country code are allowed to be registered in the Polish national database.

Updated point of contact details for administrations are available at: https://www.cospas-sarsat.int/en/contacts-pro/contacts-details-all.

6. BEACON REGISTRATION FORMS

Online beacon registration forms (EPIRBs, ELTs, PLBs) are available at: http://www.ulc.gov.pl/pl/zegluga-powietrzna/poszukiwanie-i-ratownictwo/rejestracja-beaconow-406mhz.

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