

## CIRCULAR N.º 9 Rev. 1

### PORTUGUESE MARITIME ADMINISTRATION

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**SUBJECT | USE OF AMATEUR SERVICE STATIONS AND AMATEUR-SATELLITE SERVICE STATIONS ON BOARD NATIONAL VESSELS**

**TO | MASTERS AND SKIPPERS OF PORTUGUESE FLAGGED VESSELS**

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**REFERENCIAS | Decree-Law n.º 53/2009, of the 2nd March, which defines the applicable regulations to the amateur and amateur-satellite services, including also the assignment of certificates and special authorizations to amateurs and the common usage stations licensing; Decree-Law n.º 73/2007, of the 27th March, amending and republishing Decree-Law n.º 190/98, of the 10th July, which establishes the licensing requirements of the national ship radiocommunication stations and the necessary prerequisites to be observed by these stations' equipment**

### 1. OBJECTIVE

With this Circular we intend to inform all those to whom it applies of the general terms under which stations of the Amateur and of the Amateur-satellite Services can be used on board Portuguese flagged vessels.

### 2. INTRODUCTION

The Amateur and Amateur-satellite Services regime settled by Decree-Law n.º 53/2009, of the 2nd March, establishes the applicable rules to both Amateur and Amateur-satellite services, as well as the procedure of assignment of certificates and special authorizations to amateurs and the common use stations. By preventing the use of amateur stations on board aircrafts and vessels, except when expressly authorized by the respective authorities, it is assumed that the rules for such use and licensing are defined.

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#### 3. DEFINITIONS AND ABBREVIATIONS

Amateur Service - a radiocommunication service for the purpose of self-training, intercommunication and technical investigations carried out by amateurs, that is, by duly authorized persons interested in radio technique solely with a personal aim and without pecuniary, as defined by ITU Radio Regulations;

Amateur-satellite Service - a radiocommunication service using space stations on earth satellites for the same purposes as those of the amateur services, as defined by ITU Radio Regulations;

ITU - the International Telecommunications Union, in Geneva, Switzerland;

Ship radioelectrical equipment - the set of electronic equipment, with the exclusion of receiving only equipment, which forms the ship's radiocommunication station and the electronic navigation equipment;

Navigation equipment - the electronic equipment used as an aid to navigation and which contributes to the safety of navigation.

#### 4. TERMS OF USE

The usage of equipment/stations of the Amateur and Amateur-satellite Services on board vessels to which the *Regulamento do Serviço Radioelétrico* attached to Decree-Law n.º 190/98, of the 10th July, amended and republished by Decree-Law n.º 73/2007, of the 27th March, can only be carried out if authorized by the master, skipper or person responsible for the vessel<sup>1</sup>.

The operation of equipment/stations of the Amateur and Amateur-satellite Services is permitted on the condition that no interference with the normal operation of the mandatory radio and navigation equipment on board is observed, particularly with those used for distress, urgency and safety communications.

The equipment/stations of the Amateur and Amateur-satellite Services can only be supplied by the emergency source of electrical power if no prejudice arises to its capacity of supplying the

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<sup>1</sup> On recreational craft, the figure of the responsible person for it means the owner, the skipper or the lessee.

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ship's radioelectric equipment on emergency situations.

The use of equipment/stations of the Amateur and Amateur-satellite Services shall comply with every fixed conditions set out in the applicable regulations, namely in Decree-Law n.º 53/2009, of the 2nd March, in the Procedures associated with it and in the *Quadro Nacional de Atribuição de Frequências*<sup>2</sup> (QNAF).

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<sup>2</sup> The *Quadro Nacional de Atribuições de Frequências* may be obtained from the Autoridade Nacional das Comunicações (ANACOM) webpage in <https://www.anacom.pt/render.jsp?categoryId=302495>