



# Technical Circular

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**To Whomsoever it may concern**

**Subject: United States Coast Guard Marine Safety Alert Reg Urgent Kannad Safelink EPIRB Recall**

1. Orolia Limited, owner of Kannad Marine has become aware of an issue affecting Kannad SAFELINK EPIRBs which could result in the beacon not operating in an emergency situation.
2. In view of above, Kannad Marine has issued a global recall of all SAFELINK EPIRBs and recommends that vessels having an affected beacon (only SAFELINK EPIRB auto and manual) should NOT use the SAFELINK as the primary Search and Rescue beacon.
3. Kannad Marine has also advised that all owners of SAFELINK EPIRBs to register their ownership, location and contact details via the dedicated website: <http://www.safelinkepirbsupport.co.uk> to arrange for replacement of the EPIRB.
4. United States Coast Guard (USCG) has issued marine safety alert 03-16 (copy attached) and strongly recommends that all owners and users of the Kannad SAFELINK EPIRBs seek replacement devices as soon as possible and NOT to use it as a primary Search and Rescue beacon.
5. Ship Owners / managers and masters are advised to take note of the above USCG Marine Safety Alert and act accordingly.

**Enclosure:**

1. USCG Marine Safety Alert 03-16 Reg “Urgent Kannad Safelink EPIRB Recall”.



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# UNITED STATES COAST GUARD

U.S. Department of Homeland Security

## **MARINE SAFETY ALERT**

### **Inspections and Compliance Directorate**

April 25, 2016  
Washington, DC

Safety Alert 03-16

## **URGENT KANNAD SAFELINK EPIRB RECALL**

Kannad Marine has issued a recall of all SAFELINK EPIRBs due to a possible defect that could result in the beacon not operating in emergency situations. If you own or use a SAFELINK EPIRB automatic or manual model as identified in the attached SAFELINK Recall Safety Notice you should NOT use it as a primary Search and Rescue beacon onboard your vessel.

Kannad recommends that all owners of SAFELINK EPIRBs register their ownership, location and contact details via the dedicated website: <http://www.safelinkepirbsupport.co.uk>. The website will first ask you to enter your SAFELINK EPIRB's CSN number which is located on the EPIRB's label. (See image below.) Once the CSN is entered an additional webpage will open where more detailed owner information is entered to arrange provision of a replacement EPIRB.



*Please read the SAFELINK Recall Safety Notice on the next page.*

The Coast Guard **strongly recommends** that all owners and users of the Kannad SAFELINK EPIRBs seek replacement devices as soon as possible and NOT to use it as a primary Search and Rescue beacon onboard your vessel.



This safety alert was developed by the Coast Guard Office of Design and Engineering Standards and distributed by the Office of Investigations and Casualty Analysis. Questions and comments may be sent to: [HQS-PF-flr-CG-INV@uscg.mil](mailto:HQS-PF-flr-CG-INV@uscg.mil)

## SAFELINK Recall Safety Notice

SAFELINK EPIRB In Auto housing	SAFELINK Manual EPIRB
	

Part No's Affected	Description	Date Range
K1202311	EPIRB SAFELINK Manual+ GPS	All
K1202367	EPIRB SAFELINK Auto GPS	All

Orolia Limited, owner of Kannad Marine has become aware of an issue affecting Kannad SAFELINK EPIRBs which could result in the beacon not operating in an emergency situation.

The SAFELINK EPIRB's yellow body plastic may prematurely age when subjected to specific environmental conditions which has the potential to impact on its long term effectiveness in the field. The Kannad SAFELINK EPIRB model is the only Kannad Marine product affected.

Although the issue identified may impact beacon effectiveness in a very small number of cases, we believe it is important to take broader preventative actions to respond to this situation promptly and comprehensively for your safety. That is why Kannad Marine has decided to instigate a voluntary Global Recall Program for the SAFELINK EPIRBs and would like to invite you to read carefully the following procedure.

If you suspect that you may have an affected beacon (only Safelink EPIRB auto and manual), you should **not use the SAFELINK as the primary Search and Rescue beacon on board your vessel. Please register your ownership, location and contact details via the dedicated website: [www.safelinkepirbsupport.co.uk](http://www.safelinkepirbsupport.co.uk)**

Once registered, Kannad Marine Support team will direct you to your local partner to arrange a replacement of your beacon with a Kannad Sport Pro + Auto or Manual, with a 5 year warranty, free of charge

For any further information, please contact Kannad Marine using one of the methods below:

Web: <a href="http://www.safelinkepirbsupport.co.uk">www.safelinkepirbsupport.co.uk</a>	Email: <a href="mailto:safelinkinspection@kannadmarine.com">safelinkinspection@kannadmarine.com</a>
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