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| **Purpose/Objective:** The purpose of this document is to remove the single-frequency Distress call attempt and only support the multi-frequency Distress call attempt for MF/HF frequency bands. | |
| **Abstract:** To make a successful Distress call attempt on the MF/HF frequency bands requires expert knowledge about the current propagation characteristics at the time of transmitting the call attempt. That expertise is not always available on ships today. A single-frequency call attempt on the wrong frequency band will fail, while a multi-frequency call attempt will always have the best opportunity for success. | |