## Section VI − Identities in the maritime mobile service  (WRC-12)

**19.98**                                       *A − General*

**19.99**       § 39     When a station[6] operating in the maritime mobile service or the maritime mobile-satellite service is required to use maritime mobile service identities, the responsible administration shall assign the identity to the station in accordance with the provisions described in Annex 1 of Recommendation ITU-R M.585-8. In accordance with No. **20.16**, administrations shall notify the Radiocommunication Bureau immediately when assigning maritime mobile service identities.  (WRC-19)

**19.100**       § 40     1)     Maritime mobile service identities are formed of a series of nine digits which are transmitted over the radio path in order to uniquely identify ship stations, ship earth stations, coast stations, coast earth stations, and other non-shipborne stations operating in the maritime mobile service or the maritime mobile-satellite service, and group calls.    (WRC-07)

**19.101**                     2)     These identities are formed in such a way that the identity or part thereof can be used by telephone and telex subscribers connected to the public telecommunications network principally to call ships automatically in the shore-to-ship direction. Access to public networks may also be achieved by means of free-form numbering plans, so long as the ship can be uniquely identified using the system's registration database (see No. **19.31A**) to obtain the ship station identity, call sign or ship name and nationality.    (WRC-03)

**19.102**                     3)     The types of maritime mobile service identities shall be as described in Annex 1 of Recommendation ITU-R M.585-8.   (WRC-19)

**19.103**        (SUP - WRC-07)

**19.104**        (SUP - WRC-07)

**19.105**        (SUP - WRC-07)

**19.106**        (SUP - WRC-07)

**19.107**        (SUP - WRC-07)


**19.108**                     *B − Maritime identification digits (MIDs)*


**19.108A**     § 41     The maritime identification digits $M_1I_2D_3$ are an integral part of the maritime mobile service identity and denote, in principle, the administration responsible for the station so identified. In some cases, $M_1I_2D_3$ may denote a geographical area under the responsibility of a specific administration. Furthermore, as indicated in the most recent version of Recommendation ITU-R M.585, some maritime identification digits are reserved for maritime devices and do not correspond either to an administration or to a geographical area.  (WRC-15)

**19.109**        (SUP - WRC-03)


**19.110**                     *C − Maritime mobile service identities*  (WRC-07)

**19.111**       § 43     1)     Administrations shall follow Annex 1 of Recommendation ITU-R M.585-8 concerning the assignment and use of maritime mobile service identities.  (WRC-19)

**19.112**                     2)     Administrations should:   (WRC-07)

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[6]    **19.99.1**     In this Section a reference to a ship station or a coast station may include the respective earth stations.

**19.113**    *a)*     make optimum use of the possibilities of forming identities from the single MID allocated to them;   (WRC-07)

**19.114**     (SUP - WRC-19)

**19.115**     (SUP - WRC-03)

**19.116**     (SUP - WRC-03)

**19.117** to **19.126**     (SUP - WRC-07)