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The IMO adopted guidance for training on and operation of emergency personal radio devices (EPRDs).

These devices may be implemented to make search and rescue operations more effective, and training and operation instructions for these devices should be included in the vessel's safety management system under the ISM Code.

Examples of an EPRD may include man overboard (MOB) devices, personal locator beacons (PLBs), maritime survivor locating devices (MSLDs) and other radio devices that provide an alerting and locating functionality for finding persons in the water.

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The adopted guidelines include information for crew training on the functionality of EPRDs, as well as passenger training during safety orientations.

The guidelines advise that EPRDs be turned off for any person not in the water to reduce potential radiocommunication interference during search and rescue operations.

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