

Grandfathering Inmarsat C VMS Devices

Inmarsat C devices are coming to their end of life, with limited new devices being introduced into the market. Taking this into consideration along with their purchase costs and the recent introduction of the Inmarsat C Network Access Fee, AFMA has made the decision to remove them from the list of approved units.

Grandfathered units

VMS units no longer on the AFMA approved list that are now subject to grandfathering:

- Thrane & Thrane – TT6140 and TT6150
- Japan Radio Company (JRC) – JUE 95VM
- Furuno – Felcom 16 and Felcom 19

If you currently have a grandfathered Inmarsat C VMS unit installed and operating on a South Australian nominated vessel you may continue to use them, however at any stage that the Grandfathered unit becomes unserviceable or you nominate a new vessel on your licence, you will be required to fit a new approved VMS unit to your vessel. Transferring second hand Grandfathered VMS units between boats will not be approved.

Approved Units

The units currently available for use on nominated vessels;

Skywave IDP	IDP 690	
Skywave IDP	ST6100	
CLS Triton Advanced	Triton Adv	

Contact your supplier

Operators looking to purchase new or needing replacement units should speak with their preferred supplier.

Below is a list of suppliers for the CLS and IDP Approved VMS units.

CLS unit suppliers

CLS Australia – <https://www.cls.fr/en/> phone (0418) 368 917

Design9 – <https://www.design9.com.au/> phone (02) 4321 0727

IDP unit suppliers

AST – <https://www.theastgroup.com> phone (08) 9205 4000

Electrotech – <https://www.electrotech.net.au> phone (02) 9466 6800

Nautical Supplies – <https://www.nauticalsupplies.com.au> phone (08) 8981 6651

Taylor Marine – <https://www.taylormarine.com.au/> phone (08) 9494 9393

TMQ – <https://www.tmq.com.au> phone (07) 3640 5600