

**MARINE INFORMATION****NEW EDITION OF SAFETYNET USER'S HANDBOOK**

The Third Edition, June 2000, of the SafetyNET User's Handbook is now available in Portable Document Format (PDF) and can be viewed and downloaded for future stand-alone use from the Inmarsat homepage at <http://www.inmarsat.org/support/index.html>. It is located under the "Tools" icon and has a file size of 545kb. The handbook is intended to explain to mariners the operation of the International SafetyNET service as an element of the Global Maritime Distress and Safety System (GMDSS). The handbook also explains how the mariner can use the SafetyNET service to obtain vital Maritime Safety Information (MSI) tailored to the needs of his own vessel. GMDSS became mandatory for all vessels over 300 grt on international voyages and all passenger vessels on 01 February 1999.