

## **Use of GSM/DCS-1800 onboard aircrafts**

The Ministry of the Sea, Transport and Infrastructure, in accordance with conclusions of the meeting of representatives of the Directorate for Air Traffic, the Directorate for Telecommunication and Postal Service and the Croatian Telecommunications Agency held on 16 January 2008 releases the following statement:

Notwithstanding the possibility of use of GSM/DCS-1800 equipment onboard aircrafts from the standpoint of the radio frequency spectrum, the Ministry finds it necessary to emphasize Article m) of the preamble of Decision ECC/DEC/ (06)07, which states that the installation and use of the System within the aircraft will be subject to regulation, including airworthiness certification, by the relevant aviation authorities and the System cannot be put into operation until it complies with these requirements.

At the moment there are no regulations and recommended practices of the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO), and no relevant legislation in the European Union and the Republic of Croatia which would enable the use of GSM/D CS-1800 equipment onboard aircrafts.

When the possibility of usage of the afore-mentioned service will be accepted through adequate regulation and recommendations by the ICAO, the European and Croatian aviation legislation and in a way which will not have a negative effect on the safety of air traffic, the Ministry of the Sea, Transport and Infrastructure will be able to respond positively to such a service.