
The Wheel Mark is the European regulatory marking for all marine equipment as defined in the Marine Equipment Directive 96/98/EC, which ensures a uniform application of international instruments, including IMO Conventions, Resolutions and international testing standards.

Commenting on the approval, Global Sales Director of Orolia Ltd Ross Wilkinson said, “First launched in February 2010, the S5 AIS SART offers a major advance in distress beacon technology to commercial marine users. Internationally approved and compliant with IMO SOLAS requirements, this MED approval and Wheel Mark further cements its position as a first choice product for all safety conscious fleet managers, with the technology enabling survivors in life rafts or survival craft to be seen by all vessels with AIS receivers fitted.”

The Smartfind S5 AIS SART is a manual deployment survivor location device intended for use on life rafts or survival craft. Offering an alternative to a Radar SART, once activated the S5 transmits the beacon’s geographic position and unique serial number continuously, indicating range and course on all standard ships’ AIS receiver equipment. To further assist search and rescue authorities, the S5 also uniquely includes an in-built high precision GPS to pinpoint the beacon’s exact location.

Intended for easy activation for any survival situation, the S5 is rugged, compact and easy to operate and deploy as well as being lightweight, buoyant and waterproof to 10 meters. A non-hazardous battery ensures the device is easy and safe to transport and the 96 hour operational battery life and built-in test facility give peace of mind. Whether wall mounted in the bridge or packed inside a survival craft, the highly visible and buoyant carry case affords maximum protection. For use onboard a liferaft, a specially integrated extending pole allows the beacon to be elevated, maximizing signal transmission.