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## **FA-170 V.01.08 Remedy for Interference**

### **Summary:**

This is to inform you that the FA-170 may interfere with other VHF radio equipment operating on international channels CH84, 2084(161.825 MHz) or CH85, 2085(161.875MHz).

### **Detailed information:**

If a ship is equipped with the applicable model, may interfere with Int'l VHF radiotelephone communication on CH84, CH85, CH2084, or CH2085 of other ships located within approx. 1.5 mile.

The symptom is to hear a "pass" sound during voice call.

CH84/85 are assigned for data exchange so called VDES (VHF Data Exchange System) including VDE (VHF Data Exchange), AIS (Automatic Identification System) or ASM (Application Specific Messages).

However, there might be countries where these channels are still in use for voice communication and affected by the interferences.

### **Remedy:**

Upgrade FA-170 software to 1.08 or later.

We recommend to arrange software upgrade during annual surveys or other scheduled maintenance works.

Software and hours related to this matter will be provided free of charge.

Please include FA-170 upgrade to the scope of works, when requesting an attendance from Furuno Hellas service team.