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Subject: The National Weather Service Began Operational Use of Inmarsat's SafetyNET II for Broadcasts of METAREA IV and XII High Seas Forecasts and Warnings on January 22, 2024

On January 22, 2024, the National Weather Service (NWS) began operational use of the Inmarsat's SafetyNET II satellite system for broadcasts of High Seas forecasts and warnings to METAREAs IV and XII. SafetyNET II is an upgrade from the legacy SafetyNET system.

High Seas forecasts and warnings for METAREAs IV and XII are also broadcast via Iridium's Safetycast satellite system. SafetyCast and SafetyNet II have similar names but are different satellite broadcast systems.

The NWS will also broadcast Tropical Cyclone and Tsunami bulletins, when appropriate, for METAREAs IV and XII via both satellite systems.

These two satellite systems are a part of an international Global Maritime Distress and Safety System (GMDSS). For more information about the GMDSS and about Safetycast and SafetyNet II, visit the link below:  
<https://www.weather.gov/marine/gmdss>

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