

Military Surface Deployment and Distribution Command

Carrier Advisory

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Subject: Shortage of Remote Panic Buttons for Omnitrac's Intelligent Vehicle Gateway (IVG)

Purpose: To inform Transportation Protective Service (TPS) transportation service providers (TSPs) and DoD shippers of a shortage of Omnitrac's IVG remote panic buttons and provide interim guidance to be followed in the event current panic button requirements cannot be met.

Background: During the 4 May 22 National Defense Transportation Association Surface Transportation Committee meeting, SDDC was informed of a shortage of remote panic buttons stemming from global supply chain issues. Omnitrac's anticipates that remote panic buttons will not become readily available prior to December 2022. In the interim, SDDC asks TPS TSPs abide by the guidance below when unable to obtain remote panic buttons.

Current Guidance: The Military Freight Traffic Unified Rules Publication (MFTURP-1), Item 111 - Satellite Motor Surveillance Service, Paragraph 7 currently reads:

"Each driver shall be equipped with a remote panic button along with one receiver per vehicle. Drivers will report an emergency by pressing the vehicle's emergency button or drivers' remote panic button. The vehicle's emergency button shall be located within easy reach of the driver and the remote panic button shall be located in each driver's possession.

Interim Guidance (effective upon receipt of this advisory):

"When possible, each driver shall be equipped with a remote panic button along with one receiver per vehicle. Drivers will report an emergency by pressing the vehicle's emergency button or drivers' remote panic button. The vehicle's emergency button shall be located within easy reach of the driver and the remote panic button shall be located in each driver's possession.

When remote panic buttons are unavailable, each driver shall be equipped with a cellular telephone capable of storing the DTTS telephone number (618)220-5060 or 1-800-826-0794. In the event of an emergency where the vehicle's emergency button is not within reach of either driver, the drivers shall immediately notify local law enforcement by calling 911 and immediately follow up by notifying DTTS via telephone."

This interim guidance applies only when the TSP is unable to obtain the remote panic buttons from Omnitrac.

DoD shippers should keep this interim guidance in mind when verifying the operational status of SNS systems prior to carrier departure as required by Defense Transportation Regulation Chapter 205, Paragraph C.2.b.(3).

TPS TSPs are encouraged to contract their Omnitrac sales representative for updates on the status of remote panic buttons. This information may be consolidated by the NDTA Munitions Subcommittee and provided back to SDDC for situational awareness.

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