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Subject: The National Weather Service Began Operational Use of Iridium's SafetyCast for Broadcasts of METAREA IV and XII High Seas Forecasts and Warnings on June 12, 2023

On Monday, June 12, 2023, the National Weather Service (NWS) began operational use of the Iridium's SafetyCast satellite system for broadcasts of High Seas forecasts and warnings to METAREAs IV and XII. High Seas forecasts and warnings for METAREAs IV and XII will continue to be broadcast via Inmarsat's SafetyNet satellite system. SafetyCast and SafetyNet 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, visit the link below:

<https://www.weather.gov/marine/gmdss>

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