

**SARSAT**  
**Beacon Manufacturers Workshop (BMW)**  
**Proposed Q&A Panel Questions**

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**Q1. Please provide a Beacon Timeline identifying the following key dates:**

- Anticipated date that C/S will approve RLS capability
- Expected date that first Labs will be approved to test ELT(DT)s
- Expected date that first Labs will be approved to test SGBs including SGB ELT(DT)s
- Expected C/S ADT ready date (i.e. when will it be possible to sell an ELT(DT) and have C/S deposit data in the DTR)
- Expected MEOSAR FGB IOC date
- Expected MEOSAR FGB FOC date
- Expected SGB IOC date
- Expected SGB FOC date

Or to put it in a nutshell, when does the SARSAT program (noting that any date would be an estimate only and not one agreed to by the Council) believe that I will be able to sell the following working beacons (i.e. not just beacons approved with test protocol, but real working beacons):

- RLS
- FGB ELT(DT)
- SGB ELT(DT)
- SGB (other types of beacon)

And when will my end customers get the benefits of the MEOSAR system.

The above is to me what's key from a beacon manufacturers perspective, it takes around two years to develop and get approval for a new beacon and requires a significant financial investment to achieve this. As a result manufacturers really need to know the above dates around 3 years in advance (the extra year is to allow for budgets and resources to be made available) if they are going to put beacons on the market when C/S and the system is ready.

**Q2. From a Beacon End Users perspective can you please spell out the advantages / benefits of the MEOSAR system over the current LEO/GEO system?**

That is why should I as an end user be more likely to buy and use a beacon now that we have MEOSAR.