once every 15 minutes during radio-
telephone communications.

(f) VHF public coast stations licensed
to serve a predetermined geographic
service area are not required to provide
station identification under this sec-
tion. A site-based VHF public coast
station may identify by means of the
approximate geographic location of the
station or the area it serves when it is
the only VHF public coast station serv-
ing the location or there will be no
conflict with the identification of any
other station.

§ 80.103 Digital selective calling (DSC)
operating procedures.

(a) Operating procedures for the use
of DSC equipment in the maritime mo-
bile service are as contained in ITU–R
M.541–9, “Operational Procedures for
the Use of Digital Selective-Calling
Equipment in the Maritime Mobile
Service,” with Annexes 1 through 5,
2004, and subpart W of this part.

(b) When using DSC techniques, coast
stations and ship stations must use
maritime mobile service identities
(MMSI) assigned by the Commission or
its designees.

(c) DSC acknowledgment of DSC dis-
tress and safety calls must be made by
designated coast stations and such ac-
knowledge must be in accordance
with procedures contained in ITU–R
M.541–9, “Operational Procedures for
the Use of Digital Selective-Calling
Equipment in the Maritime Mobile
Service,” with Annexes 1 through 5,
2004. Nondesignated public and private
coast stations must follow the guid-
ance provided for ship stations in ITU–
R M.541–9, “Operational Procedures for
the Use of Digital Selective-Calling
Equipment in the Maritime Mobile
Service,” with Annexes 1 through 5,
2004, with respect to DSC “Acknowl-
edgment of distress calls” and “Dis-
tress relays.” (See subpart W of this
part.)

(d) Group calls to vessels under the
common control of a single entity are
authorized. A group call identity may
be created from an MMSI ending in a
zero, assigned to this single entity, by
deleting the trailing zero and adding a
leading zero to the identity.

(e) ITU–R M.541–9 with Annexes 1
through 5, 2004, is incorporated by ref-

§ 80.104 Identification of radar trans-
missions not authorized.

This section applies to all maritime
radar transmitters except radar beacon
stations.

(a) Radar transmitters must not
transmit station identification.

(b) [Reserved]

§ 80.105 General obligations of coast
stations.

Each coast station or marine-utility
station must acknowledge and receive
all calls directed to it by ship or air-
craft stations. Such stations are per-
mitted to transmit safety communica-
tion to any ship or aircraft station.
VHF (156–162 MHz) and AMTS (216–220
MHz) public coast stations may provide
fixed or hybrid services on a co-
primary basis with mobile operations.

§ 80.106 Intercommunication in the
mobile service.

(a) Each public coast station must
exchange radio communications with
any ship or aircraft station at sea; and
each station on shipboard or aircraft at