



INMARSAT I-4 satellite launch delayed

Proton Breeze M rocket fails to place Dish Network HDTV satellite in orbit. INMARSAT to review use of launch vehicle for F3 launch

On Saturday 15th March, INMARSAT was informed by International Launch Services (ILS) that its launch of another operator's satellite on a Proton Breeze M rocket had suffered an anomaly, resulting in the failure of the mission.

The Proton rocket failed to place the satellite into a high enough orbit, leaving it about 5,000 miles below the desired orbit. It may take up to two years to place the satellite at the proper altitude.

INMARSAT has contracted with ILS to launch the third Inmarsat-4 satellite using the same Proton launch vehicle from Kazakhstan in late April 2008. However, in view of this incident they have suspended plans to ship the Inmarsat-4 F3 satellite to the launch site.

INMARSAT expects the launch to be postponed pending an investigation of the launch failure by ILS and the Russian State Commission and does not expect the delayed launch to have any long-term material implication for the expansion of BGAN service. INMARSAT and ILS are reviewing the options to proceed with the launch schedule.

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*Bob Z.,
Hospital client*

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A US number for your Iridium phone?

Among the issues with using an Iridium phone has historically been having the ability and budget to dial directly to your Iridium handset(s). Two of the major issues are:

1. The cost of the call - up to \$7.00/minute from your long distance provider
2. The fact that Iridium's phone numbers are constellation-based not terrestrially-based.

Based on the pricing of calls, it is obvious why often times businesses and government agencies do not allow direct dial international calls from their phone systems. However, the problem remains: How do you call your Iridium phones?

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For a monthly fee of \$15.00, plus the cost of calls on your Iridium rate plan, dial a US number and reach your Iridium phones. US numbers are unique to each Iridium phone: This is not two-stage dialing. Have 50 phones—you'll have 50 US-based numbers.

The bottom line? Add US-based numbers to your Iridium service and direct dial your Iridium phones. Call us to learn more and sign up for your US-based numbers today!

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Lisa L., Company name withheld by policy.