

Inmarsat Announces I4-F3 Launch Date

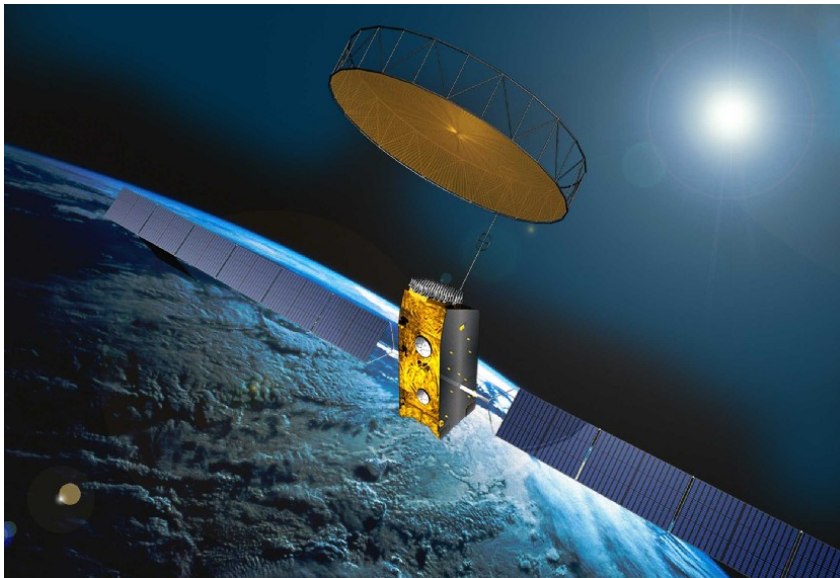


Inmarsat today announced that International Launch Services (ILS) has scheduled its next Proton Breeze M commercial mission for 14th August (13th August GMT) from the Baikonur Cosmodrome in Kazakhstan, with the launch of the Inmarsat-4 F3 satellite.

The satellite is scheduled to be shipped to Baikonur in early July for a six-week launch programme. The satellite, an EADS Astrium Eurostar 3000 model, will weigh approximately 6 metric tons at lift-off, perfectly suited for the Proton Breeze M's lift capability. Khrunichev Space Centre of Moscow, the majority shareholder in ILS, manufactures the Proton system.

The Inmarsat-4 F3 satellite will complete Inmarsat's next-generation global satellite network, providing broadband MSS services to users everywhere.

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