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**DEPARTMENT  
OF MERCHANT SHIPPING  
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To all Owners, Managers  
and Representatives of  
Ships under the Cyprus flag

**Subject: Transitional arrangements for the completion of the establishment  
of the Long –Range Identification and Tracking (LRIT) System**

**1. Introduction**

1.1 The Maritime Safety Committee of the International Maritime Organization (hereinafter referred to as the Organization) at its eighty-fifth session (26 November to 5 December 2008) adopted the Transitional arrangements for the completion of the establishment of the Long –Range Identification and Tracking (LRIT) System, the provisions of which apply during the period between 31 December 2008 and 30 June 2009.

1.2 For the period during which the Transitional arrangements apply and taking into account the provisions of regulation V/19-1.4.1 in relation to the phased in implementation of the requirement to transmit LRIT information, all Contracting Governments, when exercising control of ships pursuant to the provisions of regulation I/19, should consider ships as complying with the requirement to transmit LRIT information and should not delay or detain any ship solely on account of not being able to receive LRIT information transmitted by the ship in question as long as the ship concerned:

.1 is entitled to fly the flag of a Contracting Government which is included in the list, which will be published by the Organization, showing which Contracting Governments have established LRIT Data Centres which have been integrated into the LRIT system or are in the process of establishing LRIT Data Centres and have communicated to the Organization the information specified in paragraphs 4 and 5 of the MSC.1/Circ.1299.

The Cyprus Government has communicated to the Organization the information specified in paragraphs 4 and 5 of the aforesaid circular.

.2 has on board a valid Conformance test report, issued in accordance with the provisions of MSC/Circ.1296 on Guidance on the survey and certification of compliance of ships with the requirement to transmit LRIT information; and

.3 its Record of equipment has been amended to indicate that its compliance with the requirement to transmit LRIT information (i.e. the entry on Long-range identification and tracking system indicates compliance).

## **2. Shipborne equipment (to be of a type approved by the Administration)**

Compliance of the shipborne equipment with the requirements of regulations V/19-1.6 and V/19-1.7 and of section 4 of the Revised performance standards should be demonstrated by the equipment being:

- .1 of a type approved by the Administration in accordance with the provisions of regulation V/19-1; or
- .2 of a type approved by the Administration in accordance with the provisions of regulation IV/14 and satisfactorily completing a conformance test in accordance with the procedures and provisions set out in appendix 1; or
- .3 certified by the Administration as meeting the requirements of IEC 60945 (2002-08) and IEC 60945 Corr.1 (2008-04) on Maritime navigation and radio communication equipment and systems - General requirements- Methods of testing and required test results and satisfactorily completing a conformance test in accordance with the procedures and provisions set out in appendix 1; or
- .4 a ship security alert system complying with the provisions of regulation XI-2/6; and the provisions of either resolution MSC.136(76) on Performance standards for a ship security alert system or of resolution MSC.147(77) on Adoption of the Revised performance standards for a ship security alert system; and the provisions of section 4 of the Revised performance standards; and satisfactorily completing a conformance test in accordance with the procedures and provisions set out in appendix 1.

## **3. Conformance test report**

- 3.1 On satisfactory completion of a conformance test, the ASP conducting the test should issue a Conformance test report on behalf of the Administration in accordance with the attached format (Annex 1).
- 3.2 Conformance test reports issued prior to 15 December 2008 pursuant to the provisions of MSC.1/Circ.1257 should be accepted, subject to the conditions specified in paragraphs 7.2 and 7.3 of the annex to that circular in relation to the validity of Conformance test reports, as providing evidence of compliance equal to those specified in the annex to this circular until they are replaced.

This circular is supplementary to our circ. 19/2008 issued on 30/10/2008 and both circulars must be read together.

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 Cyprus Union of Ship Owners

## Appendix 2

### Model of Conformance test report

#### Conformance test report

issued under the provisions of MSC.1/Circ.1296 on Guidance on the survey and certification of compliance of ships with the requirements to transmit LRIT information

issued by .....

on behalf of the Government of .....

Name of ship:	
Port of registry:	
Distinctive number or letters:	
IMO Number:	
Maritime Mobile Service Identity:	
Gross tonnage:	
Sea areas in which the ship is certified to operate <sup>1</sup> :	
Sea areas for which this report is valid <sup>2</sup> :	
Application Service Provider conducting the test:	

THIS IS TO CERTIFY that the shipborne equipment designated to transmit LRIT information and specified below:

- .1 has been found to meet the requirement of the provision of regulations V/19-1.6 and V/19-1.7 and of the Revised performance standards and functional requirements for the long-range identification and tracking of ships adopted by resolution MSC.263(84) and:
- .1 is of a type approved by the Administration in  Yes  No accordance with the provisions of regulation V/19-1;
- .2 is of a type approved by the Administration in  Yes  No accordance with the provisions of regulation IV/14;

<sup>1</sup> Insert the sea areas specified in Radio related certificate (refer to paragraph 3.1.6 and to section 11 of this circular).

<sup>2</sup> Refer to paragraphs 5.2 to 5.2.2. Insert the sea areas for which the conformance testing is valid. For example, if the sea areas indicated on the Radio related certificate are A1, A2, A3 and A4 and the conformance test has been conducted using a communication system which provides coverage only for sea areas A1, A2 and A3, insert A1, A2 and A3.

- .3 has been certified by the Administration as meeting the requirements of IEC 60945 (2002-08) and IEC 60945 Corr.1 (2008-04) on Maritime navigation and radiocommunication equipment and systems – General requirements – Methods of testing and required test results;  Yes  No
- .4 is the ship security alert system of the ship and has been found to comply with the provisions of regulation XI-2/6; and of resolution MSC.136(76) on Performance standards for a ship security alert system<sup>3</sup>/resolution MSC.147(77) on Adoption of the Revised performance standards for a ship security alert system<sup>4</sup>;  Yes  No
- .2 has undergone conformance testing in accordance with the procedures and provisions set out in MSC.1/Circ.1296, and has shown that it can operate within the tolerances of the acceptance criteria stated in the aforesaid circular.

The conformance test was satisfactorily completed on .....  
(date of completion of testing)

Details of the shipborne equipment used to transmit LRIT information (e.g., maker model, serial number and shipborne equipment identifier):

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Issued at ..... on .....  
(place of issue) (date of issue)

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(name and signature of authorized person issuing the report)

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<sup>3</sup> Delete as appropriate.

<sup>4</sup> Delete as appropriate.