



**MARITIME CIRCULAR No. 25**

To:

**Ship – owners/Operators, Registration Officers (RegOffs), Class Societies and Recognized Organizations (RO's).**

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Subject:

**Long – Range Identification and Tracking of Ships (LRIT)**

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Date:

**18<sup>th</sup> of February 2016**

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References:

**IMO Safety of Life at Sea (SOLAS) Convention, Regulation V/19-1 as amended**  
**IMO Safety of Life at Sea (SOLAS) Convention, Regulation IV/2.1.12 as amended**  
**Resolution MSC.263 (84)**  
**Resolution MSC.1/Circ.1307**

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**Purpose**

To establish guidelines with regards to the Long – Range Identification and Tracking of Ships (LRIT) as required by SOLAS Regulation V/19-1 and resolution MSC.263(84).

**Application**

1. LRIT requirements apply to the following ships engaged on international voyages:
  - a. All passenger ships including high speed craft
  - b. Cargo ships, including high speed craft of 300 gross tonnage and above
  - c. Mobile offshore drilling units
  
2. LRIT Shipborne equipment must be capable of being configured to transmit the following minimum information automatically, at reporting intervals from 15 minutes to 6 hours to the LRIT Data Center designated by this Administration:
  - a. The identity of the ship
  - b. The position of the ship
  - c. The date and time of the position
  
3. Pole Star Space Applications Limited is the designated National LRIT Data Center for Sierra Leone Maritime Administration.
  
4. The following Service Providers (ASPs) are authorized to carry out the LRIT Conformance test on behalf of this Administration:
  - a. Pole Star Applications Ltd.
  - b. Morsviazsputnik

- c. China Transportation Telecommunication Center
  - d. Arskom Group
  - e. Fulcrum Maritime
  - f. Modootel Ltd
  - g. Kemilinks International Pte Ltd
  - h. Fupe Systems AS
5. The LRIT Conformance Test Report (see MSC.1/Circ.1307) shall be submitted to the Administration **within a month following the initial registration** of the vessel.
  6. Ships fitted with Automatic Identification System (AIS) and operate **exclusively within sea area A1** are not required to comply with LRIT. Sea area A1 is defined by SOLAS regulation IV/2.1.12.
  7. The designated LRIT equipment must be always on and in operational condition. Any problem, which may result in the ceasing of transmission of the ship's position report, such as deactivation of the terminal, log out, power failure etc. must be reported immediately to the Administration and at the same time, immediate actions must be taken to resume operation.
  8. Failure to comply with the above guidelines, shall result to the imposition of a fine not exceeding **USD1000**.
  9. The above will enter into effect as of **18<sup>th</sup> of February 2016**.

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