



GUIDANCE ON LRIT OPERATIONAL MATTERS APPROVED BY THE 85TH SESSION OF THE MARITIME SAFETY COMMITTEE (MSC 85) OF IMO

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Applicable to: This circular is for the attention of ship owners, managers, operators, agents, masters, crew members and surveyors

1. The Maritime Safety Committee of IMO, at its 85th session (26 Nov-5 Dec 2008), approved a number of circulars which provide guidance on LRIT operational matters. This shipping circular informs the Shipping Community of the MSC circulars, as listed below.

MSC.1/Circ.1295-Guidance in relation to certain types of ships which are required to transmit LRIT information on exemptions and equivalents and on certain operational matters

This circular provides guidance relating to the transmission of LRIT information by certain types of ships, questions in relation to granting exemptions and equivalents and certain operation matters in relation to the transmission of LRIT information, namely:

1. FPSOs and FSUs;
2. Offshore supply vessels;
3. Special purpose ships;
4. A.494(XII)-ships;
5. Exemptions and equivalents;
6. Switching off shipborne equipment; and
7. Duplication of equipment.

MSC.1/Circ.1296-Guidance on the survey and certification of compliance of ships with the requirement to transmit LRIT information

This circular provides guidance on the survey and certification of compliance of ships for LRIT and revokes MSC.1/Circ.1257. See MPA's Shipping Circular No. 30 of 2008:

http://www.mpa.gov.sg/sites/circulars_and_notices/pdfs/shipping_circulars/sc08-30a.pdf

It also covers specific provisions in relation to mobile offshore drilling units.

MSC.1/Circ.1298 - Guidance on the implementation of the LRIT system

This circular provides guidance on a number of LRIT implementation issues and is addressed to various parties concerned. Shipowners are requested to pay particular attention to Sections 9 to 12 of the annex to the circular concerning the following issues:

1. Survey and certification of compliance of ships;
2. Transfer of flag;
3. Port State Notice of Arrival;
4. Ships not transmitting due to outside failure of the LRIT system; and
5. Ship undergoing repairs or laid up for long periods;

These sections are highlighted for ease of reference.

MSC.1/Circ.1299 - Transitional arrangements and measures for accelerating the completion of the establishment of the LRIT system

MSC 85 has decided that a transitional period till 30 Jun 09 be allowed for the completion of the setting up of the global LRIT system. Shipowners should pay particular attention to paragraphs 9 and 10 of the annex to the circular concerning Port State Control.

2.Ship owners are urged to implement the guidance in the circulars. Any query relating to this circular should be directed to Mr Ong Hua Siong (Tel: 63756210)

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