

	Information Notice 2015-004
	DEPARTMENT OF MARINE SERVICES AND MERCHANT SHIPPING (ADOMS)
	The suspension of the Inmarsat LRIT data transferred via SatPro Equipment

Information to all Shipowners and Management Companies with ships fitted with SatPro equipment that is used to transmit LRIT position data

1. We have been informed that SatPro is no longer able to collect transmitted positions from Skywave, its Satellite Provider, which has resulted in all data transmissions with LRIT position reports being suspended as of the end of Tuesday 30th June 2015
2. All SatPro users should have received an official correspondence from SatPro in this regard, which has cited unresolved conflicts between SatPro and Skywave that culminated in the suspension of service, resulting in the absence of position reports in the National Data Centre for all ships fitted with SatPro equipment.
3. Unfortunately the suspension of the SatPro service means that vessels are no longer SOLAS compliant for LRIT. Consequently, as soon as practicable, a new conformance test on an LRIT compatible equipment must be carried out on either an *existing Inmarsat C* unit that is already on board the vessel, or a *new Stand-alone LRIT Equipment*.
4. Failure to arrange for a new conformance test at the earliest opportunity could result in negative Port State Control action against the ship for non-compliance.
5. Fulcrum Maritime Systems, <http://www.fulcrum-maritime.com/>, the Recognised ASP and the National LRIT Data Centre Manager for Antigua and Barbuda, has been tasked with liaising with all shipowners to bring about a speedy resolution to this unforeseen predicament.
6. A full list of Antigua and Barbuda approved Application Service providers (ASPs) that can carry out the conformance test is provided at:
<http://abregistry.ag/technical-services/security/>
7. Upon the successful completion of a conformance test with an approved ASP the Department of Marine Services and Merchant Shipping (ADOMS) will issue a Conformance Test Report that will indicate LRIT compliance in accordance with SOLAS.
8. You may refer to ADOMS **Circular 2008-003 - LRIT Requirement** – Shipborne LRIT Requirement, available on our website via the following link for further information:
<http://abregistry.ag/wp-content/uploads/2013/02/2008-003-LRIT-Requirements.pdf>

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