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To all Owners, Managers
and Representatives of
Ships under the Cyprus flag

Subject: Long – Range Identification and Tracking (LRIT)

Full implementation of the LRIT system will start from 1st July 2009. As from this date, ships which have to implement the requirements of SOLAS for Long Range Identification and Tracking (LRIT) and are constructed after 1st December 2008 or have undergone an annual radio survey after 31 December 2008, must have on board copy or original of the Conformance Test Report and their associated record of equipment endorsed as appropriate by the ships classification society.

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 Department of Merchant Shipping and at the same time, immediate actions must be taken to resume operation.

In case the LRIT equipment on a ship does not work properly, the Maritime Support Services of EMSA, which is monitoring the operation of the Data Centre (DC) for all EU - member states may notify immediately the ship's management company or the flag Administration.

In order to enable the Registrar of Cyprus Ships to initiate the procedure for the provisional/permanent/parallel-in registration of a ship, a copy of the **Conformance Test Report** must be submitted to the following communication address:

**E- mail address : // lrit@dms.mcw.gov.cy//
or Fax no: 357 25848200**

This circular is supplementary to our circ. 19/2008 issued on 30/10/2008 and 24/2008 issued on 29/12/2009. All three circulars must be read together and must be kept on board.

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