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THE AEGEAN AND ISLAND POLICY
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CIRCULAR L.R.I.T. No. 3

SUBJECT: Implementation of the long-range identification and tracking of ships (LRIT) on Greek-flagged merchant ships / Authorized Testing Application Service Provider (ASPs)".

- REF:** a) IMO Resolution MSC 202(81) of May 19, 2006: "Adoption of amendments to the International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea, 1974, as amended".
- b) IMO Resolution MSC 211(81) of May 19, 2006: "Arrangements for the timely establishment of the long-range identification and tracking system (LRIT)".
- c) IMO Resolution MSC 263(84) of May 16, 2008: "Revised performance standards and functional requirements for the long-range identification and tracking of ships".
- d) IMO Resolution MSC 264(84) of May 16, 2008: "Establishment of the International LRIT data exchange on an interim basis".
- e) Circular MSC.1/CIRC.1256 of June 5, 2008: "Guidance on the implementation of the LRIT system".
- f) Circular MSC.1/CIRC.1257 of June 5, 2008 as amended: "Guidance on the survey and certification of compliance of ships with the requirement to transmit LRIT information".
- g) Circular No. 3233.2/50/2008/05.09.2008 of the Greek Ministry of Mercantile Marine (ΥΕΝΑΝΠ/ΔΑΝ-ΔΕΠ).

1. Following REF item (g) and taking into account what is stated in REF item (f) hereinabove, in addition to the service provider of REF item (g) above, we hereunder list the companies which have been approved to act as Authorized Testing Application Service Providers (ASPs) for the performance of the conformance test on board Greek-flagged ships according to what is established in MSC.1/Circ.1257 of June 5, 2008:

- "OTESAT-MARITEL - SATELLITE AND SHIPPING TELECOMMUNICATIONS S.A." in cooperation with THRANE &

- THRANE A/S for ship LRIT systems, Inmarsat-C, Inmarsat mini-C and Iridium; and
- “SATPRO INT. LTD & CO. KG” for ship LRIT Inmarsat-D+, for which it has the ability to perform the conformance test provided for in MSC.1/Circ.1257 of June 5, 2008, legally represented in Greece.

2. Action to be taken:

- 2.1 You are kindly requested to advise your members accordingly.
- 2.2 Shipping companies are kindly requested to take into account the foregoing and to see to the timely compliance of all ships under their management therewith.
- 2.3 The Recognized Organizations, to which this document is forwarded, are kindly requested to take into account the foregoing and to see to the timely implementation thereof on board ships surveyed by them and to which they issue statutory certificates.
- 2.4 The companies OTESAT-MARITEL - SATELLITE AND SHIPPING TELECOMMUNICATIONS S.A.” in cooperation with THRANE & THRANE A/S and “SATPRO INT. LTD & CO. KG”, to which this document is forwarded, must immediately submit to the Greek Ministry of Mercantile Marine (YENANΠ) the conformance test reports on the first 10 tests which each company is to perform on board Greek-flagged ships according to what is laid down in MSC.1/Circ.1257. Moreover, they must advise the YENANΠ on a weekly basis of the conformance tests being carried out on board Greek-flagged ships.

THE COMMANDER
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