

Subject

LRIT conformance test for Panamanian flagged ship

ClassNK

Technical Information

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To whom it may concern

The Panama Maritime Authority has revised Merchant Marine Circular MMC-195 (in May 2025) regarding the implementation of LRIT Conformance Test for Panamanian flagged ships. Therefore, the contents of the previous ClassNK Technical Information No.TEC-1321 (dated 30 April 2024) have been updated accordingly.

This Technical Information supersedes the previous ClassNK Technical Information No.TEC-1321.

- 1. The circular applies to the following types of Panamanian flagged vessels, engaged on international voyages and constructed on or after 31 December 2008. (MMC-195, 4.1, 4.2)
 - All passenger ships
 - Cargo ships of 300 gross tonnage and above
 - Mobile Offshore Drilling Units (MODU) that are propelled by mechanical means
 - Offshore Support Vessels, Special Purpose Ships and Mobile Offshore Units (MOU) of 300 gross tonnage and above that are propelled by mechanical means
 - Fishing vessels and/or engaged in fishing-related activities.
- 2. The above vessels are required to undergo an LRIT Conformance Test in the following cases and hold a valid Conformance Test Report (CTR) with a QR code (valid for one year), to be issued upon completion of the said Conformance Test. (MMC-195, 4.8.1)
 - (1) All new installation or changes to LRIT shipborne equipment
 - (2) All existing LRIT equipment at the time of change of flag
 - (3) If the onboard LRIT equipment ceases to operate
 - (4) When the recognized ASP has notified the Administration that the onboard equipment is not operating within the parameters of the conformance test report and/or in accordance with the LRIT performance standards
 - (5) If the vessel has changed flag or has been re-registered under the Panamanian registry
 - (6) If the vessel wishes to operate outside the maritime area indicated in the conformance test report
 - (7) At twelve (12) month intervals, on or before the anniversary date of the conformance test
- 3. In case of changes in vessel name, ownership, Maritime Mobile Service Identity, Distinctive Number or Letters, Gross Tonnage, or Ship Areas where the vessel is certified to operate, a new Conformance Test is not required, but an amended CTR must be obtained. An amended CTR does not extend its validity period. (MMC-195, 4.7.3, 4.8.2)

(To be continued)

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- 4. The LRIT equipment must not be switched off unless prior authorization is obtained from the Flag Administration under the specific circumstances. Switching off the equipment in high-risk areas is strictly prohibited and may result in sanctions. (MMC-195, 4.10.2, 4.10.3, 4.10.4)
- 5. Authorizations regarding the LRIT equipment required in some cases can be obtained by applying for through the following link. (MMC-195, 4.11.2, 4.11.3)
<https://certificates.amp.gob.pa/certificates/>
- 6. During SE surveys, it will be confirmed that the latest CTR to be retained onboard is valid. If the ship does not have the CTR onboard, but there is evidence that the Recognized ASP has initiated the Conformance Test, a Conditional Safety Equipment Certificate valid for one (1) month may be issued. (MC-195, 4.12.1, 4.12.2)

It is not necessarily required to arrange the Conformance Test and SE surveys at the same time.

For further details, please refer to the relevant Merchant Marine Circular (MMC-195 dated May, 2025) posted on the following website.

URL: [Merchant Marine Circulars and Notices | Panama Ship Registry](#)

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