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To: All Masters, Ship Security Officers, Company Security Officers of Hong Kong registered ships, Hong Kong Shipowners, Hong Kong Ship Managers and Hong Kong Ship Operators

Hong Kong Marine Department LRIT issue Circular No. 1/2016

This Advisory draws the attention of the concerned parties regarding the operation of the Long-Range Identification and Tracking System (LRIT).

If there is any change to the shipboard LRIT equipment or Inmarsat Mobile Number (IMN), an updated LRIT Conformance Test Report (CTR) issued by the Application Service Provider (ASP) should be provided to Marine Department (MD) by email to ~~sqa@mardep.gov.hk~~ ^{mms@mardep.gov.hk} the soonest possible. So that MD can update the data at the National Database Centre.

For change of ship's name only and with other information of the LRIT remain unchanged, the shipowner/management company may contact the ASP to re-issue the CTR. The re-issued CTR should again be provided to MD to update the ship's name.

Failure to compliance with the above could cause failure to the LRIT reception or displaying the incorrect ship's name.

The attention of Shipowner/Management company is drawn to our circular letter dated 23 October 2009 to keep the CTR onboard the vessel to avoid PSC detention, a copy of this letter can be downloaded at http://www.mardep.gov.hk/en/pub_services/cirletter.html.

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The Master of the vessel should also ensure that:

- i) the IMN for LRIT Shipboard Equipment is activated;
- ii) LRIT Shipboard Equipment is switched on and logged into the correct Inmarsat Ocean Region. Should there be any problem, please switch off the terminal, switch it on again, log out from the last session and log in.

Should you have any queries, please feel free to contact us.



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* With effect from 1 April 2021, mms@mardep.gov.hk will be the only e-mail address for Marine Department to handle ISM and ISPS issues on Hong Kong registered ships. The previous e-mail addresses, ssism@mardep.gov.hk and sqa@mardep.gov.hk, will be discontinued.