

## **Hong Kong Marine Department LRIT issue Circular No. 1/2009**

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To: All CSO of HK registered ships

### **Detention of Hong Kong registered ship in US port on LRIT deficiency**

In a recent Port State Control (PSC) inspection in a U.S. port, a Hong Kong registered ship was detained because it did not have evidence of LRIT compliance in the form of a Conformance Test Report (CTR), despite the fact that the ship's Classification Society issued recently a new Cargo Ship Safety Equipment Certificate which was endorsed as "Fitted" for LRIT as required by MSC.1/CIRC.1307.

CSOs' attention is drawn that the U.S. may detain foreign flagged vessel in U.S. ports for failure to have a CTR and for failure to transmit (or ability to transmit)".

When ships are sailing to US port, the Master should ensure that the ships required to comply with LRIT requirement are provided with a CTR ready for PSC inspection. He should also ensure that the LRIT equipment is switched on for operation.

Shipowners are reminded of the circular letters of 8 July 2009 and 16 October 2009 regarding other measures to be taken to avoid detention during Port State Control inspection in foreign ports.

( [http://www.mardep.gov.hk/en/pub\\_services/cirletter.html](http://www.mardep.gov.hk/en/pub_services/cirletter.html) )

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