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**INFORMATION COMMUNICATED TO THE ORGANIZATION IN RELATION
TO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF LRIT DATA CENTRES AND THEIR POSITION
IN RELATION TO DEVELOPMENTAL TESTING AND
THE PRODUCTION LRIT SYSTEM**

1 The Maritime Safety Committee (the Committee), at its eighty-sixth session (27 May to 5 June 2009), reviewed the progress made in relation to the establishment and completion of the LRIT system and noted that the testing and integration of LRIT Data Centres in the system was still in progress and will continue after 30 June 2009. While full implementation of the LRIT system will start from 30 June 2009, Contracting Governments are urged to take a pragmatic and positive approach should any misunderstandings arise with other Contracting Governments in the initial period.

2 The Committee agreed that SOLAS Contracting Governments should intensify their efforts so as to ensure the testing and integration of their LRIT Data Centres into the LRIT system as soon as possible.

3 The Committee instructed the Secretariat to issue, as from 15 June 2009 and until 30 September 2009, and to make publicly available¹ and when changes occur to update, a list showing the:

- .1 Contracting Governments which have established LRIT Data Centres which have been integrated into, and are operating in, the LRIT system;
- .2 Contracting Governments which have communicated all required information² to the Organization by 30 June 2009 and which have established LRIT Data Centres which have not been authorized to enter the production environment of the LRIT system before 1 July 2009 but whose testing and integration has been scheduled before 15 July 2009 to take place and satisfactorily completed on or after 1 July 2009 and before or on 30 September 2009;

¹ <http://www.imo.org>.

² *Required information* means the information required by the provisions of regulation V/19-1.8.2 and paragraphs 5.2, 8.1 or 8.2, 11.2.1, 11.2.2 and 11.2.3 and 8.3.2 or 16.1.1, when applicable, of the Revised performance standards; and details of the authorized Application Service Providers in accordance with the provisions of paragraph 6.2 of MSC.1/Circ.1307 on Guidance on the survey and certification of compliance of ships with the requirement to transmit LRIT information.

- .3 Contracting Governments which have communicated all required information to the Organization by 30 June 2009 and which have made arrangements in accordance with the provisions of paragraphs 8.3.2 and 16.1.1 of the Revised performance standards³ with a Contracting Government referred to under .1 or .2 above for the provision of LRIT Data Centre services to them, however, the required additional testing of the LRIT Data Centre concerned has not been completed before 1 July 2009 but has been scheduled before 15 July 2009 to take place on or after 1 July 2009 and satisfactorily completed before or on 30 September 2009; and
- .4 Contracting Governments which are not listed under .1, .2 or .3.
- 4 SOLAS Contracting Governments, when exercising control of ships pursuant to the provisions of regulation I/19, could take into account, to the extent they find it prudent or advisable, the information set out in the list set out in the paragraph above.
- 5 As from 1 October 2009, this circular should be considered as having been revoked.

³ *Revised performance standards* means the Revised performance standards and functional requirements for the Long-range identification and tracking of ships adopted by resolution MSC.263(84).