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**Technical Note 15: to Participating States of the EU LRIT Data Centre
regarding new billing rules for non SOLAS ships**

According to the Council Resolution of 1 October 2007 on the Establishment of a European Union LRIT Data Centre, EMSA set-up and operates the EU LRIT Data Centre according to the requirements in SOLAS Chapter V/19-1.

The EU LRIT Data Centre therefore covers ships which are required to give LRIT position reports according to the above SOLAS requirements which include the following types of ships engaged on international voyages:

- Passenger ships, including high-speed passenger craft;
- cargo ships, including high-speed craft, of 300 gross tonnage and upwards; and
- mobile offshore drilling units.

The Regulation also states that ships fitted with AIS as defined in regulation 19.2.4, and operating exclusively within the sea area A1, as defined in regulation IV/2.1.12, shall not be required to comply with the provisions of this regulation.

Article 6.3 of the Conditions of Use for using the EU LRIT Data Centre, also states that "the LRIT NCA...nominates the following ship data manager...to upload and update its list of ships, subject to SOLAS Regulation V/19-1 amended for LRIT requirements".

In line with this legal background and the Conditions of Use, only ships required to report to the EU LRIT CDC in accordance with SOLAS V/19.1 should be covered for by the community budget.

We have noticed that some ships have been tagged in the EU LRIT Ship Database (EU Ship DB) as non IMO Mandatory. Until today, EMSA has been covering these costs due to the fact it was not possible to distinguish them in the system (costs are about 300 euros per month so far as there are few ships in the system).

Due to an update of the Invoicing & Billing system, it is now possible to distinguish and "tag" those non-SOLAS or non IMO mandatory ships and their reports should no longer be paid by EMSA according to the above mentioned legal background and Conditions of Use.

Currently any ship registered in the EU LRIT Ship DB, should have a tick box named "LRIT Mandatory" either ticked "Yes" to indicate the ship should report according to SOLAS V/19.1 or ticked "No" to indicate the ship does not fall under the scope of the SOLAS V/19.1 requirements.

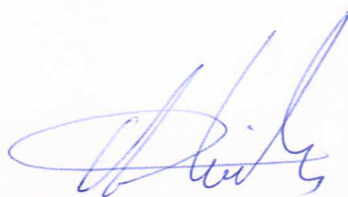
Whether the information is ticked Yes or No, from the time the ship is registered in the EU LRIT Ship Database and it is integrated into the EU DC, it will then start reporting in the DC.

It is therefore important to note, that these ship reporting costs sent by ships not falling under the SOLAS V/19.1 requirements will no longer be covered by EMSA and will have to be supported and paid for by the relevant Flag administration.

Please bear this in mind when registering new non SOLAS ships in the EU LRIT Ship DB and for those Participating States that already have non SOLAS ships in the system these charges will be sent to the Participating States.

Please do not hesitate to contact us should you have any questions on the above (LRIT@emsa.europa.eu).

Thank you for your cooperation.



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