



**PANAMA MARITIME AUTHORITY**  
**Directorate General of Merchant Marine**

**Merchant Marine Circular No. 185**

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**To: Owners/Operators of Panamanian Flagged Vessels, Recognized Organizations, Masters and Annual Safety Inspectors.**

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**Subject: Recognized Application Service Providers (ASPs)**

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**References: Resolution N°. 106-38-DGMM of September 9, 2008.**  
**Resolution MSC.263 (84)**  
**MSC.1/Circ.1256**  
**MSC.1/Circ.1257**

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1. The purpose of this Circular is to provide Companies and owners of Panamanian flagged vessels relevant guidance on pertinent LRIT-related matters, and information related to the Application Service Providers (ASPs) which have been recognized within the framework of the Revised performance standards and the ASPs which are authorized to carry out conformance tests, the survey and certification of the compliance of vessels with the provisions of regulation V/19-1 and the Revised performance standards.
2. The provisions of regulation V/19-1 of the International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea, 1974, as amended, regarding the Long-range identification and tracking (LRIT) of ships, establishes that beginning 31 December 2008, vessels shall transmit and Contracting Governments shall be able to receive, pursuant to the provisions of the regulation V/19-1, LRIT information transmitted by vessels.
3. Resolution No. 106-38-DGMM of September 09, 2008 establishes that the following companies have been approved by this Administration to act as Application Service Providers (ASPs) and to perform the conformance test onboard Panamanian flagged vessels according to what is established in MSC.1/Circ.1257:
  - **POLE STAR SPACE APLICACION LIMITES**
  - **PSC HOLDING S.A. / ABSOLUTE SOFTWARE INC**
  - **TRANSAS TELEMATICS**

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