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MERCHANT MARINE CIRCULAR MMC-249

To: Ship-owners/Operators, Company Security Officers, Legal Representatives of Panamanian Flagged Vessels, Panamanian Merchant Marine Consulates and Recognized Organizations (ROs).

Subject: Compliance with Long Range Identification and Tracking (LRIT) regulations

Reference: MMC 195
MMC 197
MMC 208
MMC 228
MMC 230
MMC 238

1.The purpose of this Circular is to inform users of the Registry that according to Merchant Marine Circulars MMC-195 and MMC-197, all Panamanian flagged vessels under the SOLAS V/19-1 regulation must comply with LRIT requirements.

2.This Administration urges all owners, operators, Company Security Officers (CSO) and Ship Security Officers (SSO) of vessels to verify that the LRIT System works properly at all times, in order to be able to continuously send positions of the vessel.

3.All Panamanian flagged vessels transiting High Risk Areas with or without Privately Contracted Armed Security Personnel on board must ensure that the equipment is correctly programmed in order to comply with the Best Management Practices (BMP), as well as liaising communication with Naval Authorities and Forces during their voyage.

4.In case the LRIT equipment is not reporting properly or you have any inquiries regarding LRIT functioning, please contact:

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