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**LONG RANGE IDENTIFICATION AND TRACKING OF SHIPS (LRIT)**

**LETTER OF AUTHORITY TO OPERATE IN THE INTERNATIONAL LRIT SYSTEM**

<b>Executive Summary:</b>	this document provides the Director's proposed Letter of Interim Authorisation to Integrate a Data Centre into the production LRIT System
<b>Action to be taken:</b>	to note
<b>Related documents:</b>	ASSEMBLY/20/8.1/ADD/1

**1 BACKGROUND**

The IMO Maritime Safety Committee, at its Eighty-Fourth Session (London, 7-16 May 2008):

*"6.122 ... authorized, pursuant to the provisions of paragraph 14.3.2 of the Revised performance standards, IMSO acting as LRIT Coordinator to authorize, on behalf of and subject to consideration and approval, acceptance or endorsement of the action by the Committee, the integration, on an interim basis, of the DCs which have undergone and satisfactorily completed developmental testing into the production LRIT system.*

*6.123 ... noted that the arrangements relating to the testing of the LRIT system only cover the intersessional period between MSC 84 and MSC 85 and thus the developmental and integration testing of the components of the LRIT system for the period after MSC 85 would need to be discussed and agreed at the next session." (MSC 84/24 - Report).*

## 2 **DISCUSSION**

In response to this new task, delegated by the IMO MSC to IMSO as the LRIT Coordinator, the Director developed a standard text for the necessary Letter of Interim Authorisation to Integrate a Data Centre into the production LRIT System. At its Twenty-Second Session, the Advisory Committee (AC/22/Report, Section 7.12 refers) “*agreed the Director's proposed Letter of Interim Authorisation to Integrate a Data Centre into the Production LRIT System*”. The Letter is set out in the **Annex** to this document.

## 3 **ACTION REQUIRED**

The Assembly is requested to note the Director's proposed Letter of Interim Authorisation to Integrate a Data Centre into the Production LRIT System.

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**TEXT OF LETTER OF AUTHORITY  
TO OPERATE IN THE INTERNATIONAL LRIT SYSTEM**

To: Data Centre Operator concerned

**INTERIM AUTHORISATION TO INTEGRATE A DATA CENTRE INTO THE  
PRODUCTION LRIT SYSTEM**

The International Mobile Satellite Organization (IMSO),

1 Being appointed by the International Maritime Organization as the LRIT Coordinator by decision of the Maritime Safety Committee at its eighty second session;

2 The IMSO Assembly having decided at its Nineteenth (Extraordinary) Session that "the Organization may assume the functions and duties of the LRIT Co-ordinator with effect from 7 March 2007, at no cost to Parties, in accordance with decisions of IMO, where Article 4 of the amended Convention will be applied on a provisional basis".

3 Having agreed to assume the duties and functions of the LRIT Co-ordinator under the terms of IMO resolution MSC.863(84) - *Revised Performance Standards and Functional Requirements for the Long Range Identification and Tracking of Ships*;

4 In accordance with the decision of the Maritime Safety Committee at its eighty fourth session to authorize, " ... *pursuant to the provisions of paragraph 14.3.2 of the Revised performance standards, IMSO acting as LRIT Coordinator to authorize, on behalf of and subject to consideration and approval, acceptance or endorsement of the action by the Committee, the integration, on an interim basis, of the DCs which have undergone and satisfactorily completed developmental testing into the production LRIT system*";

5 Having perused the required developmental test results provided by [ NAME OF DATA CENTRE ], the International Data Exchange (IDE) and the Data Distribution Plan (DDP) Operator, and being satisfied that those providing the information have certified that all the necessary tests have been satisfactorily completed,

Hereby authorises [ NAME OF DATA CENTRE ], operated by [ NAME OF DATA CENTRE OPERATOR ] to integrate into the production LRIT system, on an interim basis, until the Maritime Safety Committee considers and approves such integration, or otherwise, at its next session.

Signed

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Director

International Mobile Satellite Organization (IMSO)

LRIT Co-ordinator

Date: [ insert date of signature ]