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FURTHER LRIT DATA CENTRES AUTHORISED BY IMSO TO INTEGRATE INTO THE LRIT PRODUCTION ENVIRONMENT

The International Mobile Satellite Organization has authorized the **European Union (EU)** LRIT Cooperative Data Centre, operated by the European Maritime Safety Agency (EMSA), as well as the National Data Centre of **Antigua and Barbuda**, operated Fulcrum Maritime Systems Limited, to integrate into the production LRIT environment.

Both Centres have satisfactorily completed the required developmental tests and the results have been perused by IMSO before issuing the Letters of Interim Authorization to integrate them into the production environment. In accordance with the decision of the IMO Maritime Safety Committee IMSO is empowered, acting as LRIT Co-ordinator, to authorize the integration, on an interim basis, of LRIT Data Centres which have undergone and satisfactorily completed developmental testing into the LRIT production environment.

The Data Centres of the EU and of Antigua and Barbuda join the LRIT Data Centres of Bahamas, Brazil, Canada, Japan, Marshall Islands, Republic of Korea and United States) which have been integrated into the LRIT production environment.

Further LRIT Data Centres are expected to complete in the process of developmental testing in the next two weeks in line with the transitional arrangements for the completion of the establishment of the LRIT system which expire on 30 June 2009.
