



LRIT Coordinator Circular No.001/2009

SCALE OF CHARGES FOR LRIT-RELATED WORK – 2009

The International Maritime Organization (IMO) has appointed the International Mobile Satellite Organization (IMSO) as the LRIT Coordinator, following the entry into force of new SOLAS Regulation V/19-1, and adopted Resolution MSC 275(85) in this regard.

IMO has, in addition, adopted resolution MSC.263(84): Revised Performance Standards and Functional Requirements for the Long-Range Identification and Tracking of Ships (LRIT) which provides, *inter alia*, that:

“The LRIT Coordinator should establish ... the charges it would be levying in order to recover the expenditure it incurs for providing the services specified ... “.
(MSC.263(84) paragraph 14.7).

Paragraph 14.8 of resolution MSC.263(84) also provides detailed guidance on who is liable to pay for which services. The full text of Section 14 of resolution MSC.263(84): LRIT Coordinator, is provided for convenience at annex 2.

After consulting the IMSO Advisory Committee, the IMSO Director General has established the fees and other charges for LRIT-related work undertaken by the LRIT Coordinator during the period from 31 January 2009 to 31 December 2009. These are tabulated at annex 1.

In particular, it should be noted that the Advisory Committee agreed and the Director General has decided that each Data Centre should be charged £8,500 for interim authorization in 2009, and the audit fee for the seven Data Centres that are liable for 2009 audits should be charged at the same amount of £8,500. All Data Centres which are part of the LRIT System will thus be charged at the same level for 2009.

It is anticipated that the fees and other charges will be reviewed in the last quarter of each year, as a consequence of the setting of the IMSO budget for the following calendar year, and may be revised in the light of that review. It is intended that an updated version of annex 1 will be circulated in December each year following that review.

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		Resolution MSC.263(84) paragraph	Cost (GB Pounds) for 2009	Remarks
1	<i>evaluation of proposals for the establishment of the International LRIT Data Centre and/or the International LRIT Data Exchange</i>	14.2.3	10,000	Payable in two tranches: 6,000 on submission of Proposal to IMSO; 4,000 on completion of Report, before submission to IMO.
2	<i>participating in the testing and integration of the International LRIT Data Centre and/or the International LRIT Data Exchange into the LRIT system</i>	14.2.4	-	Fee to be published if IMO decides to establish an International Data Centre and/or a permanent International Data Exchange.
3	<i>investigation of operational or technical disputes or invoicing difficulties</i>	14.3.1	1,600 per day	Plus actual expenses.
4	<i>participating in the testing and integration of LRIT Data Centre(s) into the LRIT system</i>	14.3.2	1,600 per day	Plus actual expenses. For any work <i>in addition</i> to that included in item 9 below.
5	<i>participating in the testing of new or modified procedures or arrangements for communications between the International LRIT Data Exchange, the LRIT Data Centres and the LRIT Data Distribution Plan server</i>	14.3.3	1,600 per day	Plus actual expenses.
6	<i>reviewing the performance of ASPs (or CSPs when they act as ASPs) providing services to the International LRIT Data Centre</i>	14.4.1	-	Fee to be published if IMO decides to establish an International Data Centre.
7	<i>auditing the performance and fee structures of LRIT Data Centres</i>	14.4.2	8,500	
8	<i>auditing the performance and fee structure of the International LRIT Data Exchange</i>	14.4.3	-	Subject to agreement with the IDE Operator.
9	<i>other specific LRIT-related services not covered by the above</i>	14.7.4	1,600 per day	Plus actual expenses
10	<i>interim authorisation of Data Centres</i>	MSC Circ.1294 annex 1 section 3.3.3	8,500	

Notes: 1 Charges valid from 31 January 2009 to 31 December 2009
2 Fees net of exchange and other bank charges



IMSO TERMS OF BUSINESS

- 1 Payment of all invoiced sums must be cleared into the Organization's account within **30 days** of the date of Invoice.
 - 2 Any sums not cleared into IMSO's account within 30 days of the date of invoice will attract interest at the rate of current Bank of England Base Rate + 5% on all sums outstanding from that day until payment is received.
 - 3 No further Credit will be extended to any Data Centre or Application Service Provider.
 - 4 IMSO will accept payment only in Pounds Sterling.
 - 5 **All exchange costs and bank charges must be paid by the payer.**
- 6 The Annual Audit and Review Fee is payable in stages, as follows:
- .1 First Stage Payment - 25% on submission of the data to IMSO for audit and review;
 - .2 Second Stage Payment - 50% on submission by IMSO of the draft audit report to the Data Centre or ASP concerned; and
 - .3 Final Stage Payment - 25% on finalisation of the report.
- All payments must have been received by IMSO before submission of the Final Audit Report to the Maritime Safety Committee, Flag State and Data Centre or ASP concerned.
- 7 Any Data Centre or ASP that fails to perform in accordance with the requirements of IMO as expressed through the LRIT Services Agreement with IMSO, or remains in default of payment beyond the due payment date, will be brought to the attention of the MSC, which will decide on any action to be taken. IMSO will not submit an audit report to IMO for any Data Centre that remains in debt to IMSO, until the debt has been settled in full.
 - 8 All travel undertaken on request is charged at cost.

EXTRACT FROM RESOLUTION MSC.263(84)
REVISED PERFORMANCE STANDARDS AND FUNCTIONAL REQUIREMENTS
FOR LONG-RANGE IDENTIFICATION AND TRACKING OF SHIPS (LRIT)

14 LRIT Coordinator

14.1 The LRIT Coordinator should be appointed by the Committee.

14.2 The LRIT Coordinator should assist in the establishment of the International LRIT Data Centre and/or International LRIT Data Exchange by:

- .1 participating in the development of any new technical specifications for the LRIT system or of any amendments to existing ones taking into account the provisions of regulation V/19-1, the present performance standards, the existing technical specifications and any related decisions of the Committee;
- .2 issuing, when requested by the Committee, requests for the submission of proposals for the establishment and operation of the International LRIT Data Centre and/or the International LRIT Data Exchange;
- .3 evaluating the management, operational, technical and financial aspects of the proposals received taking into account the provisions of regulation V/19-1, the present performance standards, the technical specifications for the LRIT system and any other related decisions of the Committee and submitting its recommendations in this respect for consideration by the Committee; and
- .4 participating, as and when requested by the Committee, in their testing and integration into the LRIT system and reporting its findings in this respect for consideration by the Committee.

14.3 The LRIT Coordinator should, taking into account the provisions of regulation V/19-1, the present performance standards, the technical specification for the LRIT system and any related decisions of the Committee:

- .1 upon request, of any party concerned or the Committee, undertake the investigation of operational or technical disputes or invoicing difficulties and make recommendations for their settlement to the parties concerned and the Committee, as appropriate;
- .2 participate, as and when requested by the Committee, in the testing and integration of LRIT Data Centre(s) into the LRIT system and report its finding in this respect for consideration by the Committee; and

- .3 participate, as and when requested by the Committee, in the testing of new or modified procedures or arrangements for communications between the International LRIT Data Exchange, the LRIT Data Centres and the LRIT Data Distribution Plan server and report its finding in this respect for consideration by the Committee.

14.4 The LRIT Coordinator should undertake a review of the performance of the LRIT system taking into account the provisions of regulation V/19-1, the present performance standards, the technical specification for the LRIT system and any related decisions of the Committee and should report its findings to the Committee at least annually. In this respect, the LRIT Coordinator should on an annual basis:

- .1 review the performance of ASPs (or CSPs when they act as ASPs) providing services to the International LRIT Data Centre;
- .2 audit the performance of all LRIT Data Centres based on archived information and their fee structures;
- .3 audit the performance of the International LRIT Data Exchange and its fee structure, if any; and
- .4 verify that Contracting Governments and Search and rescue services receive only the LRIT information they have requested and are entitled to receive.

14.5 In addition to reporting to the Committee on the performance of the LRIT system including any identified non-conformities, the LRIT Coordinator may make recommendations to the Committee, based on an analysis of its findings, with a view to improving the efficiency, effectiveness and security of the LRIT system.

14.6 The LRIT Coordinator should, for the purpose of performing the functions specified in paragraphs 14.2.4 and 14.3 to 14.5:

- .1 be given the required level of access, by the LRIT Data Centres and the International LRIT Data Exchange, to management, and to charging, technical and operational data;
- .2 collect and analyse samples of LRIT information provided to LRIT Data Users;
- .3 collect and analyse statistics compiled by LRIT Data Centres and the International LRIT Data Exchange; and
- .4 be given access to the current LRIT Data Distribution Plan and to earlier versions of the plan.

14.7 The LRIT Coordinator should establish and communicate to the Committee the charges it would be levying in order to recover the expenditure it incurs for providing the services specified in paragraphs 14.2 to 14.5.

14.8 The related charges should be paid to the LRIT Coordinator in accordance with agreed arrangements - taking into account the laws of the Contracting Government(s) concerned - as follows:

- .1 in relation to the evaluation of proposals for the establishment of the International LRIT Data Centre and/or the International LRIT Data Exchange (paragraph 14.2.3), by those submitting the related proposals;
- .2 when participating in the testing and integration of the International LRIT Data Centre and/or the International LRIT Data Exchange into the LRIT system (paragraph 14.2.4), by the International LRIT Data Centre and/or the International LRIT Data Exchange as the case may be;
- .3 when undertaking the investigation of operational or technical disputes or invoicing difficulties (paragraph 14.3.1) by the party requesting the service;
- .4 when participating in the testing and integration of LRIT Data Centre(s) into the LRIT system (paragraph 14.3.2) by the LRIT Data Centre(s) being tested or integrated;
- .5 when participating in the testing of new or modified procedures or arrangements for communications between the International LRIT Data Exchange, the LRIT Data Centres and the LRIT Data Distribution Plan server (paragraph 14.3.3), by the International LRIT Data Exchange and/or the LRIT Data Centre(s);
- .6 when reviewing the performance of ASPs (or CSPs when they act as ASPs) providing services to the International LRIT Data Centre (paragraph 14.4.1), by the ASPs concerned;
- .7 when auditing the performance and fee structures of LRIT Data Centres (paragraph 14.4.2), by the LRIT Data Centre concerned; and
- .8 when auditing the performance and fee structure of the International LRIT Data Exchange (paragraph 14.4.3), by the International LRIT Data Exchange.

14.7.3 The Organization should not be required to make any payments to the LRIT Coordinator for any work the LRIT Coordinator may be required to carry out pursuant to any of the provisions of paragraphs 14.2 to 14.5; or for reporting or making recommendations to the Committee pursuant to any of the provisions of paragraphs 14.2 to 14.5.

14.7.4 Contracting Governments should not be responsible for making any direct payments to the LRIT Coordinator for the services it may be required to provide pursuant to any of the provisions of paragraphs 14.2 to 14.5. However, without prejudice as to the relations between Contracting Governments and the LRIT Data

Centres the services of which may use, Contracting Governments may be required by LRIT Data Centres to pay fees for the LRIT information they request and receive which may contain elements to offset the charges paid by LRIT Data Centres to the LRIT Coordinator for the functions it performs. Notwithstanding the aforesaid, the Contracting Government which requests directly from the LRIT Coordinator the provision of a specific service should pay the LRIT Coordinator the relevant charges for the service it has requested.