

IMSO Circular LRIT/001/2012
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PRELIMINARY LRIT AUDIT SCHEDULE FOR 2012

FOR AUDITING THE PERFORMANCE OF LRIT DATA CENTRES AND THE INTERNATIONAL LRIT DATA EXCHANGE

1 At its eighty-sixth Session, the Maritime Safety Committee (MSC) of the International Maritime Organization (IMO) developed and approved Principles and Guidelines relating to the review and audit of the performance of LRIT Data Centres and the International LRIT Data Exchange.

2 Standards and Procedures for Auditing the Performance of LRIT Data Centres and the International LRIT Data Exchange (LRIT Audit Procedures) were subsequently developed by the Director General of International Mobile Satellite Organization (IMSO) in line with the Principles and guidelines approved by the MSC. The LRIT Audit Procedures were agreed by the IMSO Advisory Committee and endorsed by the IMSO Assembly.

3 In accordance with paragraph 8.8 of the LRIT Audit Procedures,

“At the beginning of each calendar year, the LRIT Coordinator will prepare a preliminary annual audit schedule based on the anniversary dates of the auditees and make this schedule available to all concerned. In cases where it is not practical or convenient to plan an audit on the exact anniversary date, the LRIT Coordinator may divert from the exact anniversary dates for the audit when preparing the preliminary annual audit schedule. The LRIT Coordinator will also take into account the dates of the MSC meetings when preparing the audit schedule”.

4 A Preliminary annual audit schedule for 2012 has been prepared by the IMSO Director General and is set out in the annex. IMSO will keep the schedule under review and may make changes to the schedule if deemed necessary. A revised version of this Circular will be published by IMSO, as appropriate.

5 IMSO will consult with the LRIT Data Centres or the International LRIT Data Exchange well in advance of the scheduled audit dates and will determine and communicate the exact date of the audit to the LRIT component concerned.
