

IMSO Circular LRIT/002/2010
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FORMULA FOR THE APPORTIONMENT OF LRIT AUDIT FEES AMONG LRIT DATA CENTRES

1 The International Maritime Organization (IMO) has appointed the International Mobile Satellite Organization (IMSO) as the LRIT Coordinator and delegated the function of auditing the performance of LRIT Data Centres and of the International LRIT Data Exchange to IMISO, acting on behalf of all SOLAS Contracting Governments. (Resolution MSC 275(85))

2 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).

3 Paragraph 14.8 of resolution MSC.263(84) also provides detailed guidance on who is liable to pay for which services.

4 The IMISO Assembly, at its Twentieth Session (Malta, 29 September - 3 October 2008), approved the IMISO LRIT Business Plan and decided on a formula for the apportionment of LRIT fees to Data Centres which should be used on an interim basis until the next regular Session of the Assembly.

5 The IMISO Assembly also requested the Director General of IMISO to keep the Business Plan, in particular the formula, under continuous review taking into account the changing status of the LRIT system and the experience gained in the implementation of the formula and to advise the Assembly accordingly.

6 In accordance with the decision of the Assembly, the fee for annual audit and review is established and apportioned as follows:

(a) *the level of fee will be set according to the formula:*

$$\text{fee} = \text{total IMSO auditing costs} / \text{total number of units};$$

(b) *the number of units payable by any LRIT Data Centre will be in accordance with the following rule:*

1. *if flags < X and vessels < Y => DC fee = 1x unit*
2. *if flags < X and vessels > Y => DC fee = 1x unit*
3. *if flags > X and vessels < Y => DC fee = 1x unit*
4. *if flags > X and vessels > Y => DC fee = 5x unit*

where:

X = number of flags per DC

Y = number of vessels per DC

(c) *for the time being, the value of X should be set at 10 flags and the value of Y at 1000 ships.*

7 Based on the aforementioned formula, the number of unit(s) payable by each LRIT Data Centres could also be tabulated as follows for ease of interpretation:

		NUMBER OF VESSELS	
		1 to 999	1000 and more
NUMBER OF FLAGS	1 to 9	1 unit	1 unit
	10 and more	1 unit	5 units

8 In line with the IMSO 2010 LRIT budget as agreed by the Twenty-Fifth Session of the IMSO Advisory Committee, the per unit LRIT audit fee for 2010 is set at **£6,500** during the period from **1 January to 31 December 2010**.

9 The formula for the apportionment of LRIT fees will be reviewed and may be amended by the IMSO Assembly at its Twenty-First Session in July 2010. If the formula is changed, a further Circular will be issued.
