

PRELIMINARY ANNUAL AUDIT SCHEDULE FOR 2010

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

1 At its Eighty-sixth Session, IMO MSC 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 (Standards and Procedures), were subsequently developed by the Director General of IMSO in line with the guidelines approved by the MSC. These Standards and Procedures were agreed by the IMSO Advisory Committee at its Twenty-fifth Session (Venice from 2 to 4 November 2009), to be implemented with immediate effect for auditing LRIT Data Centres and the interim International LRIT Data Exchange.

3 In accordance with paragraph 8.8 of the Standards and 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 therefore has been prepared by IMSO, as the LRIT Coordinator, and is set out in the annex.

5 IMSO, in consultation with the LRIT Data Centres and the International LRIT Data Exchange, will determine and communicate the exact date of the audit to the LRIT Data Centre concerned or the International LRIT Data Exchange, as appropriate.

¹ Since the IMSO Circular LRIT/003/2010 was originally issued on 20 November 2009, a number of changes have been made in the audit schedule in the interest of improving the management and operation of the audits. Changes are shown in bold and side-lined.

