



INFORMATION BULLETIN No. 116

Authorised Testing Application Service Providers (Testing ASP) for Long Range Identification & Tracking (LRIT) of Ships

Guidance and Instructions for IMO Member States, Bahamas Recognised Organisations, Bahamas Authorised Testing Application Service Providers, Bahamas Approved Nautical Inspectors, Ship Owners, Managers and Masters

1. Purpose

- 1.1. This Bulletin specifies the companies that The Bahamas has authorised to conduct conformance tests of shipboard equipment for compliance with the transmission of long range identification and tracking (LRIT) information under the provisions of Chapter V, Regulation 19-1 of the International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea, 1974, as amended (SOLAS).
- 1.2. This Bulletin should be read in conjunction with BMA Information Bulletin No.111.

2. Authorisation

- 2.1. The Companies listed below are authorised in accordance with International Maritime Organisation (IMO) Maritime Safety Committee Resolution MSC.263(84) *Revised Performance Standards and Functional Requirements for the Long Range Tracking and Identification of Ships*, taking into consideration the guidelines outlined in MSC Circular MSC.1/Circ. 1296 *Guidance on the Survey and Certification of Compliance of Ships with the Requirement to Transmit LRIT Information*.

- 2.2. The Testing ASP will provide the BMA with the results of the conformance testing in the agreed format in order to enable the BMA to issue a Conformance Test Report to the ship and integrate the ship into the Bahamas LRIT Data Centre. Further details on this process are provided in BMA Information Bulletin No. 111.
- 2.3. Any queries regarding ASP authorisation may be made directly to the LRIT Section of the Inspections & Surveys department at the BMA Nassau Office – lrit@bahamasmaritime.com.

3. Authorised Testing Application Service Providers (ASP)

- 3.1. The following Companies are authorised to conduct conformance tests of shipboard equipment on Bahamian ships for compliance with the transmission of LRIT information:

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