

ANNEX 7**DRAFT MSC.1 CIRCULAR**

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MSC.1/Circ.1259
[...] May 2008**INTERIM REVISED TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS FOR THE LRIT SYSTEM**

1 The Maritime Safety Committee (the Committee), at its eighty-fourth session (7 to 16 May 2008), considered the report of the *ad hoc* LRIT Group (the Group) and endorsed the amendments it adopted to various technical specifications for the LRIT system. In addition, the Committee approved technical specifications for the LRIT Data Distribution Plan. Furthermore, the Committee concurred with the view of the Group that the various technical specifications and the amendment thereto should be consolidated and issued in a single document. As a result the Committee approved the present circular and the Interim revised technical specifications for the LRIT system set out in annex.

2 The Revised interim technical specifications for the LRIT system (the Technical specifications) include:

- .1 Technical specifications for the International LRIT Data Exchange;
- .2 Technical specifications for the International LRIT Data Centre;
- .3 Technical specifications for communications within the LRIT system; and
- .4 Technical specifications for the LRIT Data Distribution Plan.

3 When considering the report of the Group, the Committee recognized that, in order to ensure the timely establishment of the LRIT system, it might be necessary to consider and adopt further amendments to the Technical specifications, in particular, in the light of the results the developmental integration testing of the components of the LRIT system which is to be conducted during the period between its eighty-fourth and eighty-fifth sessions. To this end the Committee re-established the Group and authorized it to consider and adopt amendments to the Technical specifications annexed to this document. Any amendments thereto would not be issued separately. Instead they would be incorporated in the related technical specification which would be issued in a revised version.

4 The Committee also agreed that the XML Schemas set out in the Technical specifications should be available in their native format for downloading from the LRIT Data Distribution Plan server. In the meantime those wishing to receive the XML Schemas in their native format should request them from the Secretariat by sending an e-mail to LRIT@imo.org.

5 SOLAS Contracting Governments are invited to bring the present circular and its annex to the attention of those engaged in implementation of the provisions of SOLAS regulation V/19-1 and/or the development and establishment of their LRIT Data Centres.

6 The United States, having agreed to provide the International LRIT Data Exchange on an interim basis, is invited to bring the present circular to the attention of those engaged in the development and establishment of the International LRIT Data Exchange.

7 The Committee also revoked MSC.1/Circ.1219 and MSC.1/Circ.1236.

8 SOLAS Contracting Governments, LRIT Data Centres acting through SOLAS Contracting Government(s) which have established them, the International LRIT Data Exchange acting through the United States and the LRIT Co-ordinator are also invited to bring to the attention of the Committee, at the earliest opportunity, the results of the experience gained from the use of the technical specifications set out in annex for consideration of any action to be taken.
