

**6<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the LRIT NCA's**  
**Agenda item 7**  
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## **"Sharing of LRIT information within the EU CDC"**

**Submitted by EMSA**

<i>Action to be taken</i>	The LRIT NCA's are invited to review this paper and take into consideration the proposals presented for the sharing of EU LRIT information with a view to discuss and agree the way forward.
<i>Related documents</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Conditions of Use to use the EU LRIT DC</li><li>• MSC 263 (84)</li></ul>

### **1. INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND**

In a few recent cases, EMSA has received requests from CGs and EU Agencies who needed LRIT information for specific purposes. This included both real-time and/or archived data for different flagged ships registered in the EU CDC.

The most recent requests have been the following:

- A request from the United Kingdom, asking for all LRIT information for both UK and all other EU flagged ships in a specific area of the Arctic for a specific period of time.
- A request from Italy, asking for archived ship position reports for all ships that were in a particular area for a specific period of time for the purposes of a police/judicial investigation.
- The European Fisheries Control Agency (EFCA) requesting all EU LRIT data in a specific area for a specific period of time for a pilot project to monitor ship and fishery activities in the area of interest.

The actual procedure to answer these types of requests is to forward the request to all LRIT NCAs asking their permission to provide the LRIT information to the requesting parties (UK, Italy, etc.). Upon receiving the approval, EMSA can extract the requested LRIT information manually from the database using its Administrator profile and provide the information in accordance with the permissions given by the MSs. This is obviously a laborious procedure and is not immediate in terms of response.

A number of MSs have requested to investigate alternative, more efficient, methods to exchange LRIT information for EU ships registered in the EU CDC for future similar requests.

The objective of this paper is to:

- Consider the recent requests for exchanging real-time and archived EU LRIT information and present a proposal for a more effective way to share/exchange Flag LRIT data between the Participating Countries of the EU LRIT Data Centre.

## **2. PROPOSAL TO SHARE/EXCHANGE FLAG LRIT DATA BETWEEN EU CDC PARTICIPATING COUNTRIES**

Should Member States agree, the proposal to internally share or exchange their Flag LRIT information between the EU CDC Participating States could be implemented in either of the following ways:

- Requests managed by EMSA: Participating States (PSs) can issue a Standing Order Delegation to EMSA detailing the conditions, situations and/or the PSs for which they agree to share their Flag LRIT data. Eventually, this can be a common agreement applicable to all PSs if consensus is reached during the meeting. EMSA as the system administrator would manually extract and distribute the data to the requestor in line with the delegated conditions. This approach will not have any technical impact on the EU CDC and will speed up the response time as EMSA can act immediately upon request.
- Requests managed by NCA: An automatic functionality can be developed into the EU LRIT Data Centre allowing the NCA to indicate that the country is willing to share its Flag information with all or a selected list of EU DC users. This could be an extension of the already existing geographical area functionality available in the User Web Interface (UWI) which presently provides to the user only his own Flag data. This solution requires further development of the EU CDC and if chosen, EMSA will prepare and submit for validation the relevant technical documentation and implementation plan.

## **3. ACTION REQUIRED**

Member States are invited to take note of the proposed approach for sharing EU Flagged LRIT data within the EU CDC, to express their preferred mechanism and to provide their comments accordingly.