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**Note to the Attention of the LRIT Focal Points  
of Member States**

**Subject: Conditions of Use for the European LRIT Data Centre**

Please find attached draft Conditions of Use for using the EU LRIT Data Centre. This has been developed taking into account the IMO and EU requirements, the technical specifications of the system as well as liability and invoicing and billing issues.

The purpose of these Conditions of Use is to describe EMSA's role and responsibilities towards the user and to define the roles and responsibilities of the LRIT National Competent Authority, who is the main focal point for EMSA in the development of the EU LRIT Data Centre.

It is important that the following four criteria be met by each Member State to be able to join the EU LRIT Data Centre in 2009:

- The list of ships that are subject to LRIT requirements are uploaded to the EU LRIT Ship Database.
- The information submitted to the EU Ship Database includes the type approval certificates for each of the ships which are uploaded.
- The Conditions of Use are signed by the relevant authority and relevant contact points are nominated.
- The fixed amount as stated in the Conditions of Use is paid to the EMSA bank account.

Furthermore, once these criteria have been met, and the European ASP has completed the vessel integrations into the LRIT system, the Member State will begin receiving LRIT reports.

As you are aware we will have the 3<sup>rd</sup> EU LRIT Expert Group meeting in Lisbon on the 23<sup>rd</sup> of October to introduce and start to discuss these Conditions of Use amongst a number of other subjects related to the EU LRIT Data Centre. We would very much appreciate if you could send us your comments in writing prior to the meeting.

I look forward to seeing you at the next LRIT Expert Group meeting.

Yours sincerely,



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