



Final Meeting Report

4th LRIT Expert Group Meeting

Lisbon, 10-11 December 2008

Meeting Organization

The meeting was attended by delegations from: Belgium, Bulgaria, Cyprus, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Italy, Latvia, Luxembourg, Malta, Netherlands (the), Norway, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden and United Kingdom (the) and the European Commission.

The list of participants is attached as **Annex 1** and the Final Agenda as **Annex 2**. **Annex 3** is the summary of action items coming out of the meeting.

A revised version of the Conditions of Use for participating in the EU LRIT DC was sent out electronically several weeks prior to the meeting to all participants and requesting any comments to be sent to EMSA prior to the meeting.

Note: All presentations and papers discussed during the meeting can be found on the EMSA LRIT website by clicking on the "EU LRIT Data Centre" in the left hand side menu and then logging into the site with your personal usernames and passwords to access the downloadable documents:

https://extranet.emsa.europa.eu/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=52&Itemid=91

If you are unable to access the website or documents, please send an email to: LRIT@emsa.europa.eu.

Meeting Objectives

The main objectives of the meeting were to:

- Finalise the Conditions of Use for the EU LRIT System;
- Report on the EU LRIT tender results and on the implementation of the EU LRIT Data Centre and ASP;
- Discuss the outcome of MSC 85 with respect to the LRIT related issues that will have an impact on the EU LRIT DC;
- Provide an update on the current status of the Ship Database.

Meeting Programme

Agenda item 1 - Opening / Introduction

Leendert Bal, Head of EMSA's Unit "Satellite Based Monitoring Services", welcomed the participants. He highlighted the importance of this meeting to discuss the revised version of the Conditions of Use for participating in the EU LRIT DC as this was the last opportunity for comments to be received and the agreement to be finalised before circulation for signature.

Agenda item 2 – Outcome of MSC 85

EMSA presented the outcome of MSC 85 and especially those points impacting the development of the EU LRIT Data Centre. This included the introduction of a "transitional arrangement" (re: MSC85/WP.7/Add.2) which applies from 31 December 2008 to 30

June 2009 and at which time the Data Centres should be in their testing phase during this time.

MS should communicate to the IMO Secretariat well before 31 December 2008 their:

- National Point of Contact details
- List of Authorised ASPs
- Intended date to start testing with IDE and DDP (27/03/2009)

using the model letter in Annex 5 of MSC85/WP.7/Add.1 (this has been placed on the LRIT area of the EMSA website) and that they would like to be part of this transitional period. This then allows the MS to have access to the DDP server (userid and password will be received).

DDP polygon verification was discussed. Although EMSA has been assisting Member States to verify polygons, it was suggested that MS should start doing their own DDP verification before submitting the DDP to IMO as EMSA assistance is now no longer possible due to the workload in the development and testing phase of the EU LRIT DC. It is still proposed that IMO do some verification of DDP polygons prior to their upload on the DDP server however this has not yet been confirmed. The LRIT Ad Hoc group will continue to discuss this issue.

It was also mentioned that Circulars 1256, 1257 and 1258 have been revoked. Circular 1259 should be issued shortly which contain the up to date Technical Specifications of the LRIT system. A Correspondence group has been set up to discuss all outstanding issues and a collation of these discussion points will be further assessed and reviewed at one Ad-Hoc meeting which will take place prior to MSC 86 (27 May-5 June).

EMSA also mentioned that a letter would be sent by the French Presidency to formally declare the set-up of an EU LRIT Data Centre and those countries which will be participating in such a centre. The Commission also mentioned that a new Council Resolution had been signed on the 9th of December relating to LRIT and the timeline to meet for the set-up of the EU LRIT Data Centre. This document has been posted on the LRIT website.

For further information please see the presentation on this subject in the LRIT area of the EMSA website.

Agenda item 3 - Results of LRIT tenders and implementation of the EU LRIT DC /ASP

EMSA provided the results of the LRIT tenders. It was mentioned that the contracts had been signed in November and that work was underway with the contractors. Kick off meetings had taken place for all three tenders in mid November and the first technical meetings with CLS and High Deal were taking place on the 16-17 December.

A new planning was presented for the EU LRIT DC as indicated below:

- Design and development of the system – Feb 09
- Implementation and testing – March 09
- Integration of EU flag ships – Feb – May09
- Defining operational procedures – April 09
- Providing training (Users, MSSO) – May 09
- Commissioning with IMSO – May 09

It was confirmed that it is envisaged for the EU LRIT DC to be up and running by June 2009 which is over one month ahead of schedule compared to that indicated in the

original Implementation Plan and also meeting the deadline for the transitional arrangement.

EMSA requested all Member States to participate in the following actions which need to be completed to ensure the EU LRIT Data Centre is set-up as soon as possible:

- Population of EU LRIT Ship DB
- Submission of the DDP's to IMO
- Signing the Conditions of Use agreement;
- Defining national networks of LRIT users and associated operational procedures

MS are also requested to send in their authorized testing ASP's to EMSA to be able to circulate this information to all MS for information and incorporate these in the EU Ship DB.

Agenda item 4 – Conditions of Use

A revised version of the Conditions of Use had been sent out prior to the meeting for discussion at this meeting. Final comments and changes were integrated into the document. Changes included word changes, modifications to definitions, clarifications, and deletion of certain text.

EMSA will send out the final Conditions of Use document agreed by all Member States at this meeting by email. This version will also then be sent out by post to all administrations for signature.

Agenda item 5 – Status of EU LRIT Ship Data Base (DB)

There was not sufficient time to provide an update on the EU LRIT Ship DB development however it was indicated that the Web Interface is operational since 20 November at the following address: <https://lrit.emsa.europa.eu/lritdb/>. All new users need to contact EMSA (LRIT@emsa.europa.eu) for a username and password to access the Ship Database and begin urgently uploading their ships.

Agenda item 6 – Other issues and closing

The issue of whether D+ equipment are LRIT conformant was discussed however no conclusions were given. EMSA mentioned it would try to set-up a meeting with IMSO to bring together many of the existing Data Centres to discuss pricing and financial arrangements for the exchange of data between Data Centres. This would most likely take place mid March.

Future meetings

It is envisaged that the 5th LRIT Expert Group meeting will take place prior to MSC 86 around end of April/early May 2009. A date will be confirmed by EMSA shortly.

DAY 2

Conditions of Use for Overseas Territories

This session was attended only by Member States that had declared Overseas Territories (OCT) who will participate in the EU LRIT DC or who had the potential to declare them very soon. This included Norway, Denmark, UK, France and the Netherlands.

The following points were discussed:

- Overseas Territories service requirements
- Role / responsibilities of Parent Country vis-à-vis Overseas Territories
- Appointed NCA for Overseas Territories
- Financial Modalities

EMSA informed the meeting that the Conditions of Use agreement which will be developed for the overseas territories will be tailor-made to each country as the OCT's have different roles/rights in different countries as well as different payment modalities.

All OCT's will pay in a pre-paid mode meaning they will pay an estimated number of messages ahead of time. The components which would be included in the calculation of the advanced payment amount were discussed and presented. All SAR requests will still be free of charge for OCT's. Payment will either be made through the parent country or directly with the OCT. The presentation can be consulted for further details.

Annexes

Annex 1 - List of participants

Annex 2 - Final Agenda

Annex 3 - Summary of Action Items

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Chair: Leendert Bal, Head of Unit Satellite based monitoring services, EMSA

Wednesday, 10 December 2008

Time	Agenda Item	Speaker
09:00 – 09:15	<i>Registration & coffee</i>	--
09:15 – 09:30	1. Welcome and opening of meeting	Leendert Bal Head of Unit
09:30 – 10:15	2. Results of LRIT tenders and implementation of the EU LRIT DC /ASP	Marin Chintoan-Uta Special Adviser
10:15 – 11:00	3. Conditions of Use <ul style="list-style-type: none"> General discussion 	All
11:00– 11:30	<i>Coffee Break</i>	
11:30 – 13:00	4. Conditions of Use (continued)	All
13:00 -14:30	Lunch (not provided by EMSA) Break	
14:30 – 15:15	5. Outcome of MSC 85 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Items which may impact the EU LRIT DC 	Yannick Texier Senior Project Officer LRIT
15:15 – 16:00	6. EU LRIT Ship Database <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Current Status General Discussion 	Andrea Pelizzari Maritime Application Engineer All
16:00 – 16:30	<i>Coffee Break</i>	
16:30 – 17:30	7. Any other Business and closing	All

Thursday, 11 December 2008

Overseas Territories

Time	Agenda Item	Speaker
09:00 – 09:15	<i>Registration & coffee</i>	--
09:15 – 09:30	Welcome and opening	Leendert Bal Head of Unit
09:30 – 11:00	4. Participation of Overseas Territories <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Overseas Territories service requirements ▪ Role / responsibilities of Parent Country vis-à-vis Overseas Territories ▪ Appointed NCA for Overseas Territories ▪ Financial Modalities ▪ Conditions of Use 	All
11:00 – 11:30	<i>Coffee Break</i>	
11:30 – 12:00	5. Participation of Overseas Territories (continued)	All
12:00 – 12:30	4. Other issues and closing	

Annex 3 – Summary of Action items

I. ACTION ITEMS FOR THE MEMBER STATES

Action Number	Agenda item	Action	Target Date/Deadline
1	2	MS are invited to communicate to the IMO Secretariat before 31 December 2008 their: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • National Point of Contact details • List of Authorised ASPs And their intention to participate in the transitional arrangement.	ASAP
2	3	MS are invited to send in their authorized testing ASP's to EMSA to be able to circulate this information to all MS for information and incorporate these in the EU Ship DB.	ASAP
3	3/5	MS are invited to take all necessary steps to upload their LRIT ships on the EU Ship Database as soon as possible. Only ships for which shipborne equipment has undergone conformance tests (or has been "type approved") will be accepted in the DB.	ASAP
4	4	MS to follow-up internal approval and signing of the Conditions of Use.	25 March

II. ACTION ITEMS FOR EMSA /COM

Action Number	Agenda item	Action	Target Date/Deadline
1	2	COM to follow-up letter being sent by French Presidency declaring the set-up of the EU LRIT Data Centre	ASAP
2	4	EMSA will send the final version of the Conditions of Use following this meeting.	20 December
3	4	The Conditions Of Use will be sent out by post to all administrations for signature.	End January
4	6	EMSA will organise a meeting with other DC's to discussing pricing issues.	ASAP