

## Meeting: 2<sup>nd</sup> SSN / LRIT Group Meeting

**Place and date:** Lisbon, 18 October 2017

**Agenda item:** Role of Regional Servers

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Summary	Presents the role of AIS Regional Servers
Action to be taken	As per paragraph 3.
Related documents	n.a.

### 1. Background

The AIS Regional server is a component of the central SSN system, and its role is defined in section 1.4 of the SSN IFCD. The server is an option for relaying AIS data from the national SSN system to the central SSN system. The service may include data collection, storage, backup and re-distribution, as well as monitoring the availability and quality of the data. For this purpose, AIS regional server administrators need to monitor the data flows from MSs to the RS and inform the MSs 24/7 contacts (on behalf of EMSA) whenever incidents are detected. However, the IFCD neither defines the role of the regional server administrator nor that of its 24/7 service.

In order to support operative information exchange between the services, the authorities responsible for hosting the AIS Regional servers [i.e. the Italian Coast Guard (ICG) and the Norwegian Coastal Administration (NCA)] should contact MSs SSN 24/7 whenever AIS data have not been provided.

### 2. Current status

The availability of MSs 24/7 contacts was discussed at the first EMSA, Italy and Norway meeting on AIS Regional servers (Lisbon, 7 February 2017), at which time both Italy and Norway mentioned that, in certain cases, the SSN 24/7 operational contacts and AIS 24/7 contacts are different. The role of AIS regional server administrators was also discussed.

The meeting attendees proposed that Italy and Norway should be given access to SSN NCA 24/7 contact information in order to contact MSs when AIS data is not being provided. EMSA agreed to assess the issue, and to propose the necessary amendments to reflect the roles of the RS administrator and the 24/7 service in the IFCD.

### 3. Actions required

Member States are invited to note the above information, and to inform their SSN 24/7 about the role of the AIS regional servers. Furthermore, MSs are invited to consider properly reflecting the role of the RS administrator and its 24/7 service in future amendments to the IFCD.