



**MARITIME AND PORT AUTHORITY OF  
SINGAPORE**  
**SHIPPING CIRCULAR TO SHIPOWNERS**  
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**Applicable to:** This circular is for the attention of ship owners, managers, operators, agents, masters, crew members and surveyors.

**CONFORMANCE TESTING AND CERTIFICATION FOR LONG RANGE IDENTIFICATION AND TRACKING (LRIT)**

1 This Shipping Circular supersedes [Shipping Circular No. 30 of 2008](#) and updates the shipping community on the LRIT conformance testing arrangements to meet the requirements of SOLAS regulations V/19-1, which had entered into force on 1 January 2008. Shipowners/managers of applicable ships are to ensure that their shipborne equipment is LRIT compliant and capable of transmitting LRIT information.

2 The MPA, in compliance with MSC.1/Circ.1307 (**Annex A**), has appointed "Pole Star Space Applications Limited" (Pole Star) as the recognised Application Service Provider (ASP) for the Singapore Registry of Ships (SRS) to conduct conformance test in accordance with the procedures and provisions set out in MSC.1/Circ.1307 for vessels registered in Singapore.

Application for Conformance Testing

3 As part of the formal process for LRIT conformance test, all Ship Owners/ managers are to complete the form which is downloadable from the following link:

([http://lrit.com/documents/documentation/PoleStarLRITCT\\_FleetRegistrationForm.xls](http://lrit.com/documents/documentation/PoleStarLRITCT_FleetRegistrationForm.xls)).

Please ensure that the vessel's details declared in the LRIT conformance test application form correspond to the other existing statutory certificates of the vessel, for example Certificate of Singapore Registry and Cargo Ship Safety Radio certificate.

4 Shipowners/ managers are to contact the Recognised ASP with the completed form to have the conformance test conducted. The contact details are:

Name: Pole Star Space Applications Limited  
Email Address: [lrittesting@polestarglobal.com](mailto:lrittesting@polestarglobal.com)  
Telephone: +44 (0)20 7313 7400  
Fax: +44 (0)20 7313 7401  
Website: <http://www.lrit.com/wheretobuy.html#aspac>

#### Application for LRIT Conformance Test Report

5 Once the conformance test is successful, the ASP will issue a “**Test Result**” (sample attached as **Annex B**), and shipowners/managers shall submit this “**Test Result**”, together with the completed “**LRIT Equipment Questionnaire**” (**Annex C**), to MPA **immediately** via the email [lrit\\_crpt@mpa.gov.sg](mailto:lrit_crpt@mpa.gov.sg). MPA will issue the required “LRIT Conformance Test Report” (sample attached as **Annex D**) for the vessel after verification of the above documents, in accordance with MSC.1/Circ.1307. Please note that the original 'LRIT Conformance Test Report' issued by MPA must be retained onboard the vessel for survey or inspection purposes.

6 Fees Payable. Shipowner/manager shall bear the costs of the conformance test conducted by the ASP and the 'LRIT Conformance Test Report' issued by MPA. A fee of S\$500 will be charged by MPA to cover the cost of the successful conformance testing and issuance of the 'LRIT Conformance Test Report', and is to be paid directly to MPA.

7 Failure in Conformance Testing. Shipowners/managers are to liaise directly with Pole Star for additional testing due to failure of the first conformance testing. Please note that any additional charges to conduct this additional testing would be payable directly to Pole Star.

#### Application and Fees of LRIT Conformance Test Report for Transfer of Flag with No Change in ASP

8 In accordance with MSC.1/Circ.1307, when a ship undergoes a transfer of flag, the Test Result is considered as remaining valid if the ASP which conducted the conformance test is also recognised by SRS, i.e. Pole Star.

9 Please complete the **Change Letter (Annex E)**. The letter must be signed and sent as a PDF attachment via email to [lritcert@polestarglobal.com](mailto:lritcert@polestarglobal.com). Please contact Pole Star for further enquiries on this Letter.

10 Please also submit the “**Test Result**” issued by Pole Star, together with the completed “**LRIT Equipment Questionnaire**” (**Annex C**), to MPA via the email [lrit\\_crpt@mpa.gov.sg](mailto:lrit_crpt@mpa.gov.sg). MPA will issue the 'LRIT Conformance Test Report' for the vessel after verification of the above documents.

#### Amendment to Incorrect Vessel Details on the Test Result Issued by the ASP

11 In the event an incorrect vessel detail (eg. vessel name, IMO number, GT etc.) was indicated in the Test Result issued by the ASP, please complete the **Change Letter (Annex E)** and include all information that are to be changed. The letter must be signed and sent as a PDF attachment to [lritcert@polestarglobal.com](mailto:lritcert@polestarglobal.com). Please contact Pole Star for further enquiries on this Letter.

12 **Annex F** contains the flowchart outlining the process of applying for the LRIT Conformance Test Report.

13 This circular supersedes Shipping Circular No.30 of 2008 and any reference to Shipping Circular No.30 of 2008 should be read as reference to the present circular.

14 Any queries relating to this circular should be directed to the Singapore Registry of Ships (SRS) at Tel: +65 6375 1932, or to the LRIT's dedicated email contact at: [lrit\\_crpt@mpa.gov.sg](mailto:lrit_crpt@mpa.gov.sg).

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Annex A - MSC.1/Circ.1307

Annex B – Sample of LRIT Conformance Test Result

Annex C – LRIT Equipment Questionnaire

Annex D – Sample of LRIT Conformance Test Report

Annex E – Format of Change Letter

Annex F – Flowchart for the Application of LRIT Conformance Test Report