
	SHIPS CLASSIFICATION MALAYSIA			
	SCM CIRCULAR			
QUALITY MATTERS	TO SHIPOWNERS, MASTERS, AGENTS AND RELEVANT INTEREST PARTIES			
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TITLE	SOLAS CH.V REG.19-1 LONG RANGE IDENTIFICATION AND TRACKING			

Attention is drawn to owners of vessels above 300 gross tons, on international voyages with radio equipment for sea area A1+A2 or A1+A2+A3.

A. vessels built before 1st January 2009:

Owners are reminded that they have to successfully conduct a LRIT conformance test for their radio equipment before the anniversary date of their safety radio certificate in 2009. The conformance test report and certificate is needed to show compliance with SOLAS V-19 before a radio certificate can be issued. The test report and certificate should be placed onboard and be available for inspection by any port state authority when required.

Note that vessels presently fitted with only A2 equipment will have to install either a Sat-C terminal or a stand alone Mini C terminal before a conformance test can be conducted.

B. Vessels built after 1st January 2009.

The LRIT conformance should be carried out before the safety radio certificate can be issued and the vessel is allowed to operate. Vessels will have to be fitted with a Sat-C terminal or a stand-alone Mini-C terminal before the test can be conducted. The test report and certificate should be placed onboard and be available for inspection by any port state authority when required.

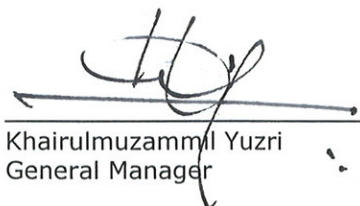
Please contact your flag state for information on the authorized testing ASP for conducting the conformance test. Owners are reminded to take early action to carryout these test as in can take several days to complete depending on satellite propagation.

C. Exemptions.

Ships, irrespective of date of build, operating **ONLY** in areas A1 and fitted with AIS are not required to transmit LRIT information.



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