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TO : ALL SHIPPING COMPANIES, SHIP OPERATORS, SHIP MANAGERS AND SHIP CHARTERERS WITH SHIPS OF 300 GROSS TONNAGE AND ABOVE AND ENGAGED IN INTERNATIONAL VOYAGES

SUBJECT : **PROCEDURES ON CONFORMANCE TESTING ON SHIPBORNE EQUIPMENT FOR LONG RANGE IDENTIFICATION AND TRACKING (LRIT) OF SHIPS AND THE PROCESS OF SECURING CONFORMANCE TEST REPORT (CERTIFICATE) FOR PHILIPPINE REGISTERED SHIPS ENGAGED IN INTERNATIONAL VOYAGES**

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With the implementation of Regulation V/19-1 of the International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea (SOLAS), 1974, as amended on the Long Range Identification and Tracking (LRIT) of Ships, all concerned are advised to take note of the following procedures on the conduct of conformance testing by **POLE STAR SPACE APPLICATIONS LIMITED (Pole Star)** for LRIT equipment onboard Philippine registered ships engaged in international voyages as well as in securing **CONFORMANCE TEST REPORT (CTR)**, also referred to as the "Certificate":

**PROCEDURE FOR CONFORMANCE TESTING**

1. Initially, shipowners/ ship operators shall arrange shipborne equipment of their ships to ensure that these are LRIT compliant and capable of transmitting LRIT information;
2. The LRIT terminals onboard the ships shall be tested and certified by "**POLE STAR**" in conformity with the functional requirement of Regulation V/19-1.5 and IMO MSC.1/Circular 1296, as the **Application Service Provider (ASP)** and as **LRIT Data Center** recognized by the Maritime Industry Authority (MARINA);
3. As a **Recognized ASP, POLE STAR** provides a base system for the conformance test of the LRIT terminals where shipowners/ship operators can have their own accounts by way of buying test credits through its email address at [lrittesting@polestarglobal.com](mailto:lrittesting@polestarglobal.com). Also, for this purpose, POLE STAR may be contacted at telephone numbers +852-25200951.
4. Once the said accounts have been effected, the POLE STAR shall activate the shipowners'/ship operators' online LRIT test accounts. Consequently, the web base system of POLE STAR shall manage all aspects of the test such as terminal commissioning, satellite communications network management, post-test de-

commissioning, production of a detailed test result and provision of LRIT Conformance Test Report (Certificate), if necessary;

5. Shipowners/ship operators who are already registered with Pole Star should upload their entire fleet and transceiver details into the account using a preconfigured spreadsheet; and
6. The successful conformance test results for each ship will be automatically forwarded by POLE STAR to MARINA. However, if the LRIT terminal failed the test, the results will also be sent by POLESTAR through email within forty-eight(48) hours with clear and helpful advice or suggestion on corrective action to be done by the shipowners.

#### **SECURING CONFORMANCE TEST REPORT (CTR)**

1. Once the transceiver has successfully passed the Conformance Test conducted by POLE STAR for and in behalf of the MARINA as Flag Administration, shipowners/ship operators are advised to secure from **Pole Star** the **CONFORMANCE TEST REPORT** of the ship by filling up the Pole Star **Order Form** to [lritcert@polestarglobal.com](mailto:lritcert@polestarglobal.com);
2. Upon receipt of the Order Form from the Shipowners/ship operators, POLE STAR will send an Invoice to the Shipowner/ship operators; and
3. The shipowner/ship operators will receive the Conformance Test Report from POLE Star by courier within five(5) days from receipt of payment.

For information and guidance.

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