

Are you meeting the LRIT deadline...?

On June 1st 2009, the EU Long Range Identification and Tracking Data Centre (EU LRIT DC) went live.

Thanks to the successful cooperation between the European Maritime Safety Agency and its main contractor, Collecte Localisation Satellites, the participating 32 Contracting Governments meet the international deadline set by the IMO for providing LRIT information as of July 1st 2009.

Over 10,000 vessels will be tracked by the EU LRIT DC developed by CLS, which is an estimated 20 to 25% of the world fleet subject to LRIT.



LRIT DC requirements

In the context of the international SOLAS convention (Safety Of Life At Sea), the International Maritime Organization has asked all SOLAS Contracting Governments to set up an LRIT system (Long Range Identification and Tracking) that is **operational before July 1st 2009**. As a result of these regulations, all Flag States have to be equipped with an LRIT Data Centre that collects data from their ships.

The LRIT system aims at tracking all passenger ships, high speed craft, mobile offshore drilling units and cargo ships weighing over 300 gross tonnages. The vessels subject to LRIT have to transmit their positions by satellite every six hours. Maritime authorities in charge of search and rescue, port, coastal and Flag State responsibilities can use their LRIT DC to track their vessels and consult or request position reports.

How CLS can support you

CLS, the worldwide leader in maritime security, sets up LRIT Data Centres based on **software solutions that have already proven their efficiency** in fishing vessel monitoring. Not only Europe, but also Vanuatu and Chile have entrusted CLS to house and/or operate their LRIT Data Centres at CLS.

With its 20 years experience in satellite tracking, CLS offers a **complete range of LRIT products and services**, from implementing LRIT data centers to providing satellite data (as an Application Service Provider), testing LRIT equipment and furnishing LRIT compliant Thorium terminals.

Flag States currently without an LRIT DC can rely on the expertise and support of CLS to meet the LRIT requirements. **With the support of CLS, your LRIT DC will be operational within just a few weeks.** CLS can host the national Data Centre on its own premises, declare your flag state's ships and process ships' position reports as required by the LRIT system.

CLS counts 300 employees worldwide and operates 40 instruments on board 30 satellites. Its processing centre is operational 24h a day, 365 days a year and is equipped with a crash recovery centre, thus ensuring an extremely **reliable service**.

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