

The Period of the First Survey of the Long-range Identification and Tracking Systems (LRIT)

Amended Guidance

Guidance for Safety Equipment

Reason for Amendment

With respect to the requirements which are applied retroactively referenced by the SOLAS Convention, "First Survey" on and after a specific date as the due date to be conformed to is prescribed. However, because the definition of this "First Survey" had not been clear, IACS adopted Unified Interpretation (UI) SC 171 to clarify this matter in 2002.

Thereafter, IACS adopted UI SC 171 (Rev.2) in August 2008 with a view to generalizing the application of the interpretation and the first survey of the long-range identification and tracking systems is to follow that interpretation.

Accordingly, all relevant requirements are amended in accordance with IACS UI SC171 (Rev.2).

Outline of Amendment

- (1) In the case of a ship under construction, where the keel is laid before 31 December 2008, but the ship is delivered after that date (1 July 2009 for those ships certified for operations in sea areas A1, A2, A3 and A4), the requirement that LRITs fitted on ships are to be verified during Registration Surveys is added.
- (2) With respect to the verification of the conformity of the requirements related to the safety equipment of existing ships, the requirements related to occasional surveys in which the due dates of such verification have already passed are deleted.