



Merchant Marine Notice MMN-19-005

To: DEPUTY REGISTRARS, SHIP OWNERS, ISM OPERATORS, RECOGNIZED ORGANIZATIONS,
SHIPPING AGENTS, GENERAL SAFETY INSPECTORS

Reference: WARNING to all Owners, ISM Operators, Crew of Belize Flagged Vessels caught
intentionally deactivating the Long-Range Identification and Tracking Equipment (LRIT) or
the Automatic Identification System (AIS).

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REFERENCE

- **SOLAS Chapter V Regulation 19-1** regarding Long-Range Identification and Tracking of Ships (LRIT).
- **Merchant Shipping Notice 0036** regarding Implementation of the LRIT System for Belize Flagged Vessels.
- **SOLAS Chapter V Regulation 19.2.4** regarding Automatic Identification System (AIS).

PURPOSE

The International Merchant Marine Registry of Belize (IMMARBE) for the purposes of this Merchant Marine Notice reminds all interested parties that:

1. All passenger ships, including high-speed passenger crafts, cargo ships, including high-speed craft of 300 gross tonnage and upward and mobile offshore drilling units shall be fitted with a Long-range identification and tracking of ships (LRIT).
2. All ships of 300 gross tonnage and upwards engaged on international voyages and cargo ships of 500 gross tonnage and upwards not engaged on international voyages and passenger ships irrespective of size shall be fitted with an automatic identification system (AIS).

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CONTENT

Any Belize Flagged Vessel that intentionally deactivate the Long-range Identification and Tracking equipment (LRIT) and/or the Automatic Identification System (AIS) will be subject to disciplinary actions in accordance with regulations 7 (Fines) and 8 (Cancellation of Registration or Documents) of the Statutory Instrument 156 of 1999 – Disciplinary Regulations.

ACTIONS REQUESTED

This Administration would like to encourage all Shipowners, Operators, Deputy Registrars and Recognized Organizations to take note of the contents of this Notice and to ensure its provisions are enforced on board vessels registered at IMMARBE.

Look forward for your cooperation and assistance.

The Notice was issued in Belize city, Belize 13/11/2019

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