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**Technical Note 7: to Participating States of the EU LRIT Data Centre
regarding Anti-Piracy and reporting in the SAM area**

Please be informed that we have received information that some ships transiting the area of Somalia are switching off their shipborne equipment to prevent any information being picked up by unauthorised recipients and in order to not be tracked. The equipment is then switched back on once the vessel is out of the high risk area.

We would strongly advise all Participating States to inform all ships sending LRIT position information to not switch off their equipment in the Somalia region. The LRIT system is a secure point to point system and distribution of reports is done in strict compliance with the IMO security rules and EU MS distribution rules, as stated in the DDP.

Ships which switch off their equipment cannot be monitored and assisted by the EU NAVFOR forces allocated within this sensitive area to protect ships.

Any switch-off of the equipment should be done in strict compliance with IMO rules and the EU LRIT DC should be immediately informed in such situations through the Maritime Support Services (maritimesupportservices@emsa.europa.eu).

Please do not hesitate to contact us should you have any further questions on this matter (MaritimeSupportServices@emsa.europa.eu).

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Marin Chintoan-Uta', is written over the typed name and title.

Cc: EU NAVFOR