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**LONG-RANGE IDENTIFICATION AND TRACKING OF SHIPS (LRIT)
 IMPLEMENTATION**

The new SOLAS Chapter V reg. 19-1 entered into force on 01 January 2009. It introduced a requirement for Long-Range Identification and Tracking of Ships (LRIT) for certain categories of ships on international voyages, under a phased implementation program beginning 31 December 2008. The U.S Coast Guard began examining ship's LRIT equipment during routine examinations on 01 January 2009. See enclosure (1) for the LRIT Compliance and Enforcement Decision matrix.

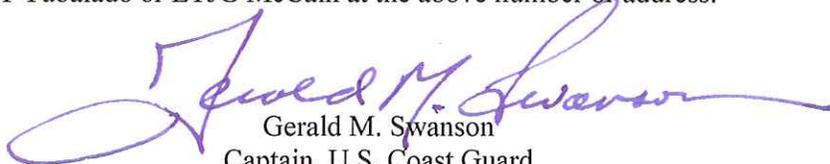
The following implementation table gives the latest permitted implementation dates according to the areas in which ships operate.

SHIPS (Over 300 GT)	GMDSS AREA OF OPERATION (As defined in SOLAS Chapter IV)	DATE OF LRIT IMPLEMENTATION
Ships constructed on or after 31 December 2008*	All	From date of build
Ships constructed before 31 December 2008*	A1 and A2, or A1, A2 and A3	Not later than 1st survey of the radio installation after 31 December 2008
Ships constructed before 31 December 2008*	A1, A2, A3 and A4**	Not later than 1st survey of the radio installation after 1 July 2009

* Ships, irrespective of date of build, operating ONLY in areas A1 and fitted with AIS are not required to transmit LRIT information.

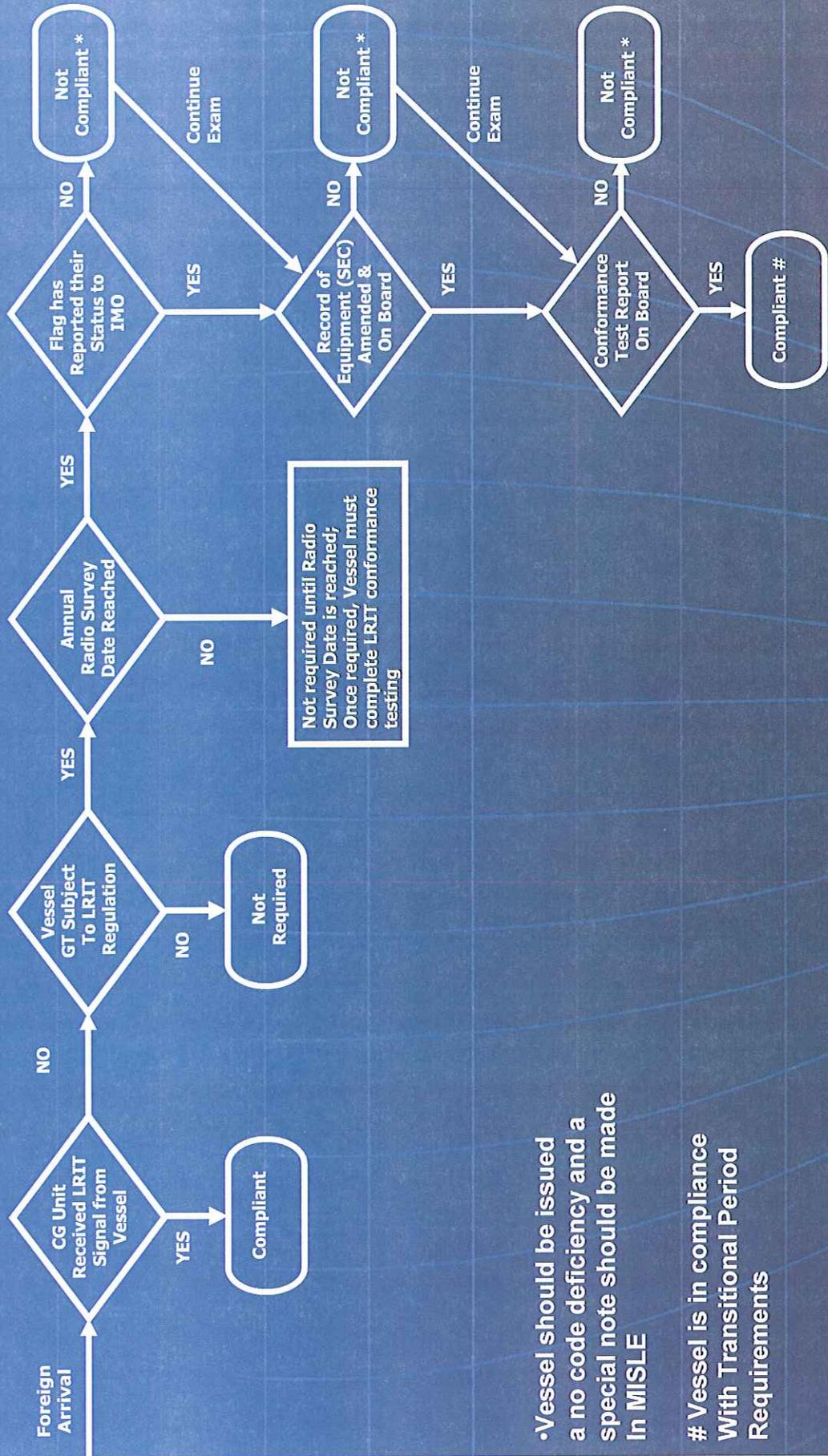
** But when operating in areas A1, A2 and A3 they must comply with the earlier date of 31 December 2008.

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LRIT Compliance and Enforcement Decision Matrix



• Vessel should be issued a no code deficiency and a special note should be made In MISLE

Vessel is in compliance With Transitional Period Requirements