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IMO Circular on MRN

# Summary

In December 2022, IALA submitted a short paper (NCSR 10/7) introducing Maritime Resource Names (MRN) to the 10th session of the IMO NCSR Sub-Committee, which met in May 2023. The paper was noted by the Sub-Committee and IALA representatives also presented the concept of MRN in plenary. The NCSR Sub-Committee invited interested Member States and organisations to submit detailed proposals on an IMO circular to provide guidance to Member States on the use of MRN.

Subsequently, at DTEC 1 (Sep 23), the potential for a submission to the IMO NCSR was further deliberated. It was decided that additional discussions were necessary, and these were scheduled to take place during DTEC 2 and ARM 17/18.

Ricky Withers from AMSA was invited to coordinate collection of MRN use cases from member states and submit an input paper to DTEC 2.

## Purpose of the document

The first Annex of this document (DTEC2-5.2.1.2.1) contains a draft IMO Circular to MSC on Harmonisation of identifiers using MRN that includes guidance on how to implement MRNs and a list of MRN use-cases for consideration of the Sub-Committee.

The second Annex of this document (DTEC2-5.2.1.2.2) contains a draft input to NCSR on the use of MRN and the reference to the IMO MSC Circular (DTEC2-5.2.1.2.1).

The Committee is requested to consider the information and decide as appropriate.

This paper can also be used as informative document for IALA members, or to update existing IALA MRN Guidance.

## Related documents

IMO NCSR 10/7 CONSIDERATION OF DESCRIPTIONS OF MARITIME SERVICES IN THE CONTEXT OF E-NAVIGATION – Harmonization of identifiers using maritime resource names.

IMO NCSR 10/22 REPORT TO THE MARITIME SAFETY COMMITTEE (see sections 7.3, 7.4)

# Action requested of the Committee

The Committee is requested to:

1. Note the information provided and act as appropriate (as proposed in section 1.1 of this paper).

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