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**Subject: New Edition of PAWSA Implementation Guide**

*Dear Scott,*

Dear Capt Smith,

You will be well aware that the Ports and Waterways Safety Assessment (PAWSA) is an integral part of IALA's Risk Management Toolbox. PAWSA was developed superbly by the United States Coast Guard and is explained in some details to participants on the annual risk management seminar delivered by the IALA World-Wide Academy.

In 2014, The Director General of Coastal Safety (DGCS) in Turkey used the PAWSA Workshop Guide produced by the United States Coast Guard to analyse risk in the approaches to Izmit Bay. This very successful use of PAWSA led DGCS to prepare an updated Implementation Guide. A copy of this very impressive Guide was forwarded to IALA. Our initial impression has been favourable and it is considered that it could be a valuable publication for use by other administrations.

Clearly the copyright of the original PAWSA Workshop Guide remains with the United States. I am therefore contacting you for your initial thoughts on whether the revision produced by Turkey, a copy of which is attached, could in principle be circulated more widely. My intention would be that the Steering Group on the IALA risk management tools would consider the new Guide before final approval for its use was, subject to your approval, decided by Council.

Yours sincerely,

  
Francis Zachariae  
Secretary-General

