



Circular Letter 2024/06

13 June 2024

Subject: The Convention enters into force

To: All Members

The French Ministry for Europe and Foreign Affairs has informed the Secretariat, that they in their capacity as depositary for the Convention on the International Organization for Marine Aids to Navigation, has received the 30th instrument of ratification, acceptance, approval or accession, and that the Convention will enter into force on 22 August 2024.

Upon the entry into force, the first General Assembly of the intergovernmental organization (IGO) must take place within a period not exceeding six months. This period is called the transition period.

The National member of Singapore, The Maritime and Port Authority, has kindly offered to host the General Assembly in Singapore on 17-21 February 2025, where all members will be invited. Consequently the Symposium 2025 also scheduled to take place in Singapore is cancelled.

Until the first General Assembly of the IGO, the President, the Vice President, the Council, the Secretary-General, the Secretariat and the organs of the present IALA (association) will execute the same roles in the IGO in accordance with the relevant articles of the Convention and the General Regulations (association) *mutatis mutandis*. This provision ensures that IALA will be able to continue its tasks during the transition period until the first General Assembly elects the President, the Vice President, the Council, the Secretary-General and all other relevant positions according to the Convention and approves its General Regulations and Financial Regulations.

The winding up of IALA will be done in accordance with the IALA (association) Constitution Article 13 and the Constitution will terminate without further action when the formalities for termination required by French law are complete.

States, listed in Annex A, that have deposited their instrument of ratification, acceptance, approval or accession will be Member States of the IGO. The present members of IALA (association) will be transferred to the IGO as Associate Members (former National members) or Affiliate Members (former Associate or Industrial members). If not already done, these members are invited to complete the attached (Annex B)



form and return it to the secretariat to contact@iala-aism.org. If you have questions about the transfer, please contact Mrs. Lorraine Mbong at lorraine.mbong@iala-aism.org.

Yours sincerely,

Francis Zachariae
Secretary-General



Annex A

Future Member States of the International Organization for Marine Aids to Navigation

Singapore	Finland
Norway	Cuba
Japan	Slovenia
Malaysia	Ireland
India	Sweden
Panama	Albania
The Netherlands	Tunisia
The United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	Mexico
Canada	Oman
Spain	Germany
Romania	China
Saudi Arabia	Portugal
Republic of Korea	Bulgaria
France	Croatia
Denmark	Egypt



Annex B

MEMBERSHIP TRANSFER FORM / *FORMULAIRE DE TRANSFERT D'ADHESION*

From the International Association for Marine Aids to Navigation and Lighthouse Authorities to the International Organization for Marine Aids to Navigation/ *De l'Association Internationale de Signalisation Maritime à l'Organisation internationale pour les aides à la navigation maritime*

Organisation or Company / *Organisation ou société*

Membership Reference*/ *Référence de Membre**

Representative's Name / *Nom du (de la) représentant (e)*

Position / *Fonction*

Address / *Adresse:*

Country / *Pays*

Telephone:

e-mail

I hereby request that our membership be transferred/ *Par la présente, je demande le transfert de notre adhésion*

From / *De*

To / *A*

Current Category <i>Catégorie actuelle</i>	New Category <i>Nouvelle catégorie</i>	Description	Select <i>Cochez</i>
National Member <i>Membre National</i>	Associate Member <i>Membre Associé</i>	Authority legally responsible for the provision of marine aids to navigation in its country/ <i>Autorité légalement responsable de la fourniture des aides à la navigation</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Industrial Member <i>Membre industriel</i>	Affiliate Industrial Member <i>Membre Industriel Affilié</i>	Manufacturer, distributor or consultant in aids to navigation/ <i>Fabricant, distributeurs d'aides à la navigation ou ingénieur conseil</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Associate Member <i>Membre associé</i>	Affiliate Member <i>Membre Affilié</i>	Port, scientific organization or service responsible for aids to navigation in a specific area/ <i>Port, organisation scientifique ou service responsable d'aides à la navigation au niveau régional</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>

* Not mandatory, the IALA Secretariat will complete that section/ **Non obligatoire, le secrétariat de l'AIMS pourra compléter cette section*

This change will take effect when the Convention on the International Organization for Marine Aids to Navigation enters into force/ *Ce changement prendra effet lors de l'entrée en force de la Convention portant création de l'Organisation internationale pour les aides à la navigation maritime.*

Date.....Signature.....