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**Draft updates to SN.1/Circ.297**

**Submitted by the International Association of Marine Aids to Navigation**

**and Lighthouse Authorities (IALA)**

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| **SUMMARY** | |
| *Executive summary:* | This document provides draft updates to SN.1/Circ.297 on the *IALA Maritime Buoyage System (MBS). At its XX1st Conference, and its concomitant General Assembly, held in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, June 3rd, 2023, IALA adopted a Revised Maritime Buoyage System as an amendment to the Annex of the Agreement.* |
| *Strategic direction:* |  |
| *High-level action:* |  |
| *Output:* |  |
| *Action to be taken:* | Paragraph 3 |
| *Related documents:* |  |

**Background**

1. Recalling At its forty-eighth session, the Maritime Safety Committee was informed that an IALA Maritime Buoyage System Agreement had been concluded on 15 April 1982. The system itself was adopted and circulated by the Committee in June 1981, before the finalization of the Agreement.

**Discussion**

2 IALA during its 2018-23 work program conducted an extensive review of the Maritime Buoyage System (MBS) Edition 1.0. dated 2010. The updates to edition 2.0 of the MBS, approved at the IALA General Assembly in June of 2023, included the incorporation of Mobile AtoN, the inclusion of the various types of autonomous ships (MASS) as they relate to use of the MBS, the inclusion of the consideration for sustainability as well as many edits and formatting to text in order to modernize the publication.

**Action requested of the Committee**

1. The Committee is requested to consider the draft amendments to SN.1/Circ.297 contained in the annex to this document and take action as appropriate.

**ANNEX**

**PROPOSED UPDATES TO SN.1/CIRC.297**

(Shown as insertions/~~deletions~~)

**IALA MARITIME BUOYAGE SYSTEM**

1. At its forty-eighth session, the Maritime Safety Committee was informed that an IALA Maritime Buoyage System Agreement had been concluded on 15 April 1982. The system itself was adopted and circulated by the Committee in June 1981, before the finalization of the Agreement.
2. At its ~~XVllth~~ XXI Conference, and its concomitant General Assembly, held in ~~Cape Town from 22 to 27 March 2010~~, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, June 3rd, 2023, IALA adopted a Revised Maritime Buoyage System (R1001 Ed2.0 (MBS)) as an amendment to the Annex of the Agreement.
3. The Maritime Safety Committee, at its ~~eighty-eighth~~ one hundred eighth session (xx xxx to xx xxx 2024), recognizing the full support of Member Governments, adopted the new revised IALA Maritime Buoyage System and instructed the Secretariat to circulate it as soon as possible. A copy of the Revised IALA Maritime Buoyage System booklet can be obtained from the IALA website (www.iala.aism.org).

~~5~~4 This draft SN circular supersedes SN.1/circ.297. ~~SN/Circ.95, SN/Circ.96, SN/Circ.105, SN/Circ.107, SN/Circ.120 and SN.1/Circ.259~~