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Mr. Francis Zacharie  
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Dear ~~Secretary General~~ <sup>Dear Francis</sup> Zacharie,

Thank you for your interest in the Ports and Waterways Safety Assessment (PAWSA) program, and for sharing the revised PAWSA Implementation Guide developed by the Director General of Coastal Safety, Turkey.

Since the PAWSA model was first developed in the late 1990s it has undergone numerous revisions that have improved how workshops are conducted and how risk levels are evaluated. Having a model that is flexible and easily modified is an important aspect of the risk assessment program, as it allows the risk assessment criteria to be tailored to local, port specific conditions.

The PAWSA model was originally developed by the George Washington University, Institute for Crisis, Disaster, and Risk Management, with funding provided by the United States Coast Guard. Because it was developed using public funding there are no proprietary rights or copyright limitations with the model. Therefore, individuals, organizations and member states are free to use and modify the PAWSA model in any way they feel is appropriate for their particular port or waterway.

I applaud the use of the model and modifications to the PAWSA Implementation Guide by the Turkish Government, and can attest that the IALA World-Wide Academy and any IALA member state is free to use the revised PAWSA Implementation Guide in any manner which meets their needs.

In closing, I would like to again thank you for your inquiry, please contact me if you have any further questions on the PAWSA risk assessment tool.

Sincerely,

  
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