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Dear IALA Secretary General,

Please accept this letter as the IMC's formal response to the IALA Council's question regarding EEP 15's recommendation to cancel the Product Certification program.

IALA's Industrial Members support cancelling the Product Certification program.

Further, the IMC requests the Secretary General prepare and circulate a letter to all Industrial Members, assuming the Council approves the EEP recommendation, specifically stating the following:

"IALA does not approve or certify marine aids to navigation."

The IMC canvassed its members during the months of January and February 2011 regarding their support for or against IALA Product Certification and received only one vote in favour of maintaining the program. Previous questionnaires, including a vote at the General Assembly in Cape Town, also concluded the majority of the Industrial Members favoured cancelling the program.

The additional request for a letter noting IALA's position on Product Certification is beneficial in clearing up any confusion when responding to end users who may believe IALA certifies products.

The IMC thanks you for your attention to this matter and looks forward to receiving your letter pending the Council's approval at the 51st Council Meeting this June.

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On behalf of the IMC