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Nick

Agree this seems a positive proposal. Would you please copy Phil D and Michael K with any relevant correspondence?

Best regards

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Peter,

I suggest that we respond to the effect that this seems a good proposal and the appropriate IALA Committee (ARM) will discuss it at its next meeting. ARM meets about the same time as HSSC and the response will need to be approved by Council, so it will not get back to IHO until some time next year, but I guess it is not urgent. I can draft a holding reply for now.

Best regards

Nick

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Dear Sirs,

I’m approaching  you as the Chairman of the IHO Standardization of Nautical Publication WG regarding the harmonisation of the work on AtoN.

The IHO SNPWG is drafting a paper to HSSC which might have effects on IALA as well. We know from our IALA contact Eivind Mong that IALA is working on an S-100 based data model (Product Specification) for AtoN.

We are intending to propose to the HSSC a revision of the current procedure of having many different numbers (national and international) for a particular list of lights entry. The idea is to use only one number which has to be assigned by the issuing agency or the IALA member and to use this number for all information related to this particular light.

Is IALA interested in having such a system of having a unique number/identifier? A unique number would be a prerequisite to establish a data stream from the source generator (possibly the responsible IALA member) to the end user without unnecessary interactions of the hydrographic offices.  That would also support the IMO e-Navigation concept.

What would be the IALA position in that regard?

I’m looking forward to receiving you responses

Jens Schröder-Fürstenberg

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