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Dear Members,

REQUEST FOR INFORMATION: BRIDGE ALERTS

IMPA recently intervened at IMO on the issue of engine control room alert management, and this has opened the door to improving bridge alert management in the future.

The IMO Sub-Committee responsible for developing a new standard for engine room alert management rejected the current approach to bridge alert management, which includes the *Performance standards for bridge alert management* (MSC.302(87)). The Sub-Committee concluded that a better approach was required and that this should inform future improvements to bridge alert management too. This is a positive first step toward improved bridge alert management.

IMPA will now contribute to work on engine control room alert management to ensure it can be easily applied on the bridge, benefiting pilots and bridge teams. Anecdotal evidence suggests the distraction caused by bridge alerts is a significant concern for pilots and that the situation will worsen as ship systems become more integrated and automated.

To help with this work and support a submission to the Sub-Committee on Navigation, Communications and Search & Rescue (NCSR 13) later this year, we have prepared a short survey. The survey allows individual pilots to share their experiences with bridge alert management.

The survey is **anonymous** and is available here: [IMPA Bridge Alerts Survey](#)

The survey is open from now to **13 March 2026**, and we encourage early completion where possible.

The answer to the password question is alerts26

Action: Members are requested to circulate this notice and the survey to pilots in your organisation and encourage them to respond before 13 March 2026.

Yours sincerely,

Matthew Williams
Secretary General