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## Maritime Single Window

# 1 - Background on MSW and the IMO's project

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- The administrative burden on seafarers is too high. Electronic and automated data exchanges will help to reduce this.
- A majority of Member States have some kind of single window in place related to trade, but only a few have a single window for maritime transport.
- FAL 40 has to adopted on 8 April 2016 a new annex to the FAL Convention, which will oblige Public authorities have to take all necessary measures for the establishment of systems for the electronic exchange of information by 8 April 2019
- IMO has been working on a project for developing a prototype, with the generous funding and support of some Member States (Norway, Chile, Republic of Korea) and IGO (EC/EMSA).

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- FAL 40 agreed on the need to define the scope of the MSW prototype and, in this respect:

- .1 invited Member States requiring assistance in the implementation of MSWs to contact the Secretariat ([falsec@imo.org](mailto:falsec@imo.org)) as soon as possible in order to discuss their specific needs and explore possible solutions;
- .2 invited Member States and organizations willing to assist with the implementation of MSWs or the development of a prototype MSW to contact the Secretariat or submit information to FAL 41; and
- .3 requested the Secretariat to report to FAL 41 with an analysis of the needs, a summary of commonalities and any additional information