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### DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORT

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### STAKEHOLDERS' CONSULTATION: RATIFICATION OF CONVENTION ON FACILITATION OF INTERNATIONAL MARITIME TRAFFIC, 1965, AS AMENDED

#### ANNOUNCEMENT AND INVITATION FOR STAKEHOLDERS TO SUBMIT WRITTEN COMMENTS ON THE RATIFICATION OF THE CONVENTION ON FACILITATION OF INTERNATIONAL MARITIME TRAFFIC, 1965, AS AMENDED (FAL CONVENTION)

The purpose of the FAL Convention is to prevent unnecessary delays in maritime traffic, to aid co-operation between Governments, and to secure the highest practicable degree of uniformity in formalities and any other procedures.

Traditionally, shipping of goods involved a large number of documents that are required by customs, immigration, health and other public authorities pertaining to the ship, its crew and passengers, baggage, cargo and mail. This cumbersome exercise on manual paperwork is a challenge in shipping because it delays transfer of goods to the end user.

The FAL convention will bring about seamless and efficient flow of information, documentation of arrival, stay and departure of ships. The implementation of FAL Convention will promote uniformity in the processing of documentation in the transportation of cargo by shipping and logistics organizations.

The Department of Transport intends to ratify the FAL Convention for South Africa to be on par with international shipping standards set by the IMO.

Therefore, interested stakeholders are requested to submit written comments on whether or not the intended initiative in question is supported, within 30 days from the date of publication of this notice, to the Department of Transport for the attention of the Chief Director Maritime Policy and Legislation, Private Bag X193, PRETORIA, 0001 OR be emailed to: [mpahlwaC@dot.gov.za](mailto:mpahlwaC@dot.gov.za) and [Matlalatm@dot.gov.za](mailto:Matlalatm@dot.gov.za).

The FAL Convention may be accessed from the Department of Transport Website.

<https://www.transport.gov.za/web/departments-of-transport/maritime>

