



STATUTE

MALTA MARITIME LAW ASSOCIATION

NAME

1. The name of the Association is the “MALTA MARITIME LAW ASSOCIATION”. Its seat is in **Maritime House, Lascaris Wharf, Valletta VLT 1921**, Malta or as the Executive Committee may decide from time to time.

CHARACTER OF ASSOCIATION

2. The Malta Maritime Law Association shall be a non-profit, voluntary and autonomous organization as defined in the Voluntary Organizations Act (Chapter 492 of the Laws of Malta) (the “**Association**”).

OBJECTS

3. The objects and purpose for which the Association is hereby constituted are:
 - (a) to promote the advancement of the Maltese maritime cluster and its administration as an international maritime services centre;
 - (b) to actively research, discuss and circulate information on developments taking place on the international plane and within the European Union;
 - (c) to promote with international and regional organisations or associations and other national maritime law associations the harmonisation and unification of conventions and other instruments related to the maritime sphere and to consider together with these entities proposals for new instruments having the same aim;
 - (d) to afford opportunities for the discussion and consideration of matters of interest to members of the Association and to undertake or assist in the preparation of legal instruments and papers in respect of such matters; and

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- (e) to collect and circulate statistical and other information of interest to the members of the Association and to form a collection of publications and documents accessible to the members of the Association.

MEMBERSHIP

3. The member of the Association shall be:

- (i) lawyers, legal procurators, notaries, auditors and accountants who are in possession of a warrant in accordance with the laws of Malta;
- (ii) students resident in Malta who are pursuing a full-time course at an academic establishment whether in Malta or abroad;
- (iii) persons resident in Malta not eligible under (i) or (ii) above who, in the opinion of the Executive Committee are especially qualified to forward the objects of the Association.

Hereinafter referred to as the “Member” or “Members”.

4. Cessation of membership

- i) A Member shall cease to be a Member of the Association if such member:
 - a) resigns from membership, or
 - b) refuses or fails to renew his/her annual subscription fee, or
 - c) infringes any of the provisions of this statute, or
 - d) acts in any way prejudicial to the interests of the Association.
- ii) It shall be in the discretion and competence of the Executive Committee to decide whether a Member has committed any act of infringement as stated in paragraph (c) or (d) of sub-article (i) hereof. In the deliberation on such a decision, the Executive Committee shall consider all the circumstances of the case and shall afford the Member suspected of such infringement or action every opportunity to make defence. In such a case, a decision by the Executive Committee shall be made by two-thirds ($2/3^{\text{rds}}$) majority of votes of all members present eligible to vote.
- iii) A decision of the Executive Committee under this article shall be final and conclusive.

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