

Agenda item 4.1  
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## Development of IALA Standards

### 1 SUMMARY

This paper describes the status of work towards the publication of Standards following their anticipated approval at the General Assembly of 2018.

It seeks advice from the LAP to be provided to the 32<sup>nd</sup> session of the Policy Advisory Panel.

#### 1.1 Related documents

Input papers to LAP17:

- LAP17-9.1.1 Draft IALA Standard Example Template – Introduction
- LAP17-9.1.2 Draft IALA Standard Example Template

Other documents:

- Strategic Vision
- C59-8.1.3 Revision 1, reproduced as C62-8.4.2
- C62-8.4.1
- C62-8.4.4
- C62-8.4.3
- LAP15-20.4. This was input to PAP as PAP30-4.1.4

### 2 BACKGROUND

The creation of Standards by IALA was a crucial component of the Strategic Vision agreed by the IALA Council in December 2013 and announced at the 2014 Conference.

The Strategic Vision defines the purpose of IALA.

“The aim of IALA is to foster the safe and efficient movement of vessels through the improvement and harmonisation of marine aids to navigation worldwide, and by other appropriate means.”

The motto of IALA is "Successful voyages, sustainable planet".

Standards are to be suitable for citation in legislation or regulations and are vital to the global harmonisation of aids to navigation.

#### 2.1 Standards as a focus of the Strategic Vision

Goal 1 of the Strategic Vision states

“G1 - Aids to navigation systems and related services, including e-Navigation, Vessel Traffic Services, and emerging technologies, are harmonised through international cooperation and the provision of standards”.

Strategy 1 below this Goal states

“G1 S1 - Develop standards suitable for direct citation by States in areas deemed important by the General Assembly, and continue to improve strong governance, including document policy and procedure for standards.”

## 2.2 Organisation of Standards, Recommendations, and Guidelines

The relationship between Standard, Recommendation, and Guideline was proposed by PAP to Council in December 2014 and agreed by Council at its 59th session. The paper agreed was C59-8.1.3 Revision 1.

Refer to C62-8.4.2 which is a copy of the revised input paper agreed by C59.

## 2.3 Purpose and approval method

The purpose and approval method of each of Standard, Recommendation, and Guideline is contained in C62-8.4.2.

Standards are approved by a General Assembly, the other two by Council.

## 2.4 Status of work and timetable

The Secretariat provided the following table to Council in June 2016 within input paper C62-8.4.1.

Organ and Date	Activity	Comment
<b>LAP 2016-10-03 to 05</b>	Draft template for <b>Standard</b> to LAP	Secretariat prepares draft, based on 2015 work
<b>PAP 32 2016-10-06 to 07</b>	LAP template agreed by PAP	If liaison with LAP is necessary afterwards, then by correspondence
	Secretariat prepares <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• draft seven Standards</li> <li>• draft new preamble text for Recommendations and Guidelines</li> </ul>	
<b>LAP 2017-03</b>	LAP advises on draft seven Standards and preamble text for Recommendations and Guidelines	
<b>PAP 33 2017-04</b>	PAP finalises lists of normative and other Recommendations within Standards	PAP ensures that normative Recommendations are necessary and sufficient
<b>Council 64 2017-06</b>	Final draft seven Standards to Council for Approval	
<b>Council 65 2017-12</b>	Completion of Council Approval process	Essential to agree at this session, prior to 2018 General Assembly
<b>2018-01 onward</b>	Information process to all Members	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Email shot</li> <li>• Website</li> <li>• Explanatory booklet</li> </ul>
<b>General Assembly 2018-05</b>	General Assembly voting on agreement to Standards	Korea

<b>2018-06</b>	Announcement of result of voting to membership	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Email shot</li> <li>• Website</li> </ul>
<b>2018-07-31</b>	Introduction of new numbering scheme	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Explanation on website in advance</li> <li>• Two months to alter documents</li> </ul>

The Secretariat would like to work faster than these dates for some items.

### 3 FORMAT OF STANDARDS

The format or template for an IALA Standard was the subject of early advice from Mary Dean during her secondment to the Secretariat, and was developed further by the Secretariat and the LAP. The most recent version of a template is that proposed by the LAP at its 15<sup>th</sup> session, document LAP15-20.4. This was input to PAP as PAP30-4.1.4, but not discussed.

The Secretariat believes that this formed a very good basis, but required a little further work.

Two papers are submitted to LAP17 on the format of standards, one an introduction and the other a draft example-template for Standards.

#### 3.1 New draft template for Standards

Using LAP15-20.4 as the starting point and with introduction in LAP17-9.1.1, the Secretariat proposes LAP17-9.1.2 as the draft example-template for a Standard.

### 4 ACTION REQUESTED OF THE LEGAL ADVISORY PANEL

The Secretariat asks the LAP to consider the draft new example-template for a Standard and provide its advice to the PAP at its 32<sup>nd</sup> session.