

Liaison Note to the International Hydrographic Organisation (IHO) and the World Meteorological Organisation (WMO)

Methodology to develop and harmonize the content of Maritime Service Portfolios #5 (MSI) and enhance coordination among IHO, WMO, and IALA

1 Introduction

An important shore-based component of e-navigation is the provision of harmonised information and services to mariners. This is the role attributed to the Maritime Service Portfolios (MSPs). NAV59-6 indicates that an MSP "defines and describes the set of operational and technical services and their level of service provided by stakeholders in a given sea area, waterway or port, as appropriate. An MSP may also be construed as a set of products provided by a stakeholder."

The content of an MSP, such as MSP5 (provision of Maritime Safety Information), and its development are beyond the scope of a single international organisation. Most of the content of MSP5 is the responsibility of the International Hydrographic Organisation (IHO) and the World Meteorological Organisation (WMO). However, given that IALA is a provider of some of the original information of this MSP and is also a user of the final product, it needs to be involved in the development of MSP5 to ensure the content is harmonised with its own requirements.

IALA recognises that a coordination and collaboration process needs to be established among IHO, WMO and IALA in order to ensure harmonisation and avoid duplication. Considering the content of MSP5 requires the involvement of these three organisations, IALA is proposing the establishment of a coordination process, which could eventually be extended to other MSPs.

2 Discussion

The development of an MSP includes at least the following items:

1. A list of information it should contain.
2. Identification of the organisations responsible for the services.
3. Identification of the stakeholders that could be involved.
4. The approval process for the MSP.

Given the scope of MSP5, IALA recognises that a coordination process needs to be established with IHO and WMO. With the objective of contributing to the IMO e-navigation Strategic Implementation Plan, IALA started to work on the content of MSP5 (see annex 1 ENAV17-14.1.9.2 provided separately) and identified a preliminary list of information it should include. In order to progress further, IALA is inviting IHO and WMO to review and comment on the proposed content of MSP5. This contribution would be a first step to establish a coordination process.

3 Action requested

The IHO and WMO are invited to review and provide comments with regard to the preliminary content of MSP5 and further considerations with respect to the coordination process.

The IALA ENAV Committee will meet again in March 2016. IALA would welcome your input prior to this meeting.