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Liaison Note

Promulgation of the IALA Maritime Buoyage System on the IALA Website

# Introduction

The IALA Maritime Buoyage System (MBS) booklet comprises information that is fundamental to Competent Authorities when planning the overall Aids to Navigation system. For the mariner this information is important for interpreting its visual characteristics at sea and the understanding of the Aids to Navigation portrayed on the nautical chart.

At present IALA Recommendations and Guidelines are available for download at the IALA website free of charge, but the MBS booklet has to be purchased through the IALA Secretariat.

# Discussion

Today it is common that nautical publications are available both in an analogue and a digital format. The latter is increasingly the preferred format. It is therefore essential to make the MBS available for download in a digital format for Competent Authorities, mariners and others for whom it may be of interest. Due to the significance of having the content of the booklet widely promulgated, it should be available for download and should be free of charge.

# Action requested of the PAP

In addition to the printed version, the PAP is requested to recommend to the Council that the MBS be available for download from the IALA website, preferably be free of charge.