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| To: VTS, ANM, EEP Committees and PAP | 25 September 2013 |

Liaison Note

# Introduction

The e-Navigation committee at its 14th session finalized the Guideline on Producing an S-100 Product Specification. It will be sent to IALA Council for approval at its 56th session in December 2014. It is anticipated that with approval a great variety of product specifications will be created based on this guideline and its development template.

The input by IALA into the IHO GI Registry (S-100) is considered to be essential in support of:

1. The further development of e-Navigation
2. The harmonization and storage of definitions, descriptions and product specifications at a centralized place where they will be easily accessible for operational, technical and organizational development.

It is recognized that the knowledge and expertise on a large number of subjects for which product specifications have to be developed are spread across the Committees:

* All operational and technical related aspects on VTS in the VTS Committee
* All operational and technical related aspects on AtoN in the ANM and EEP Committees

# Considerations

Taking into account the fact that in 2014 the IALA Committees will only meet once in the Conference year, there could be a delay in the development process. In order to minimize delays, Committees are encouraged to start development of product specifications at their earliest opportunity.

Additionally, it is recognized that the development of product specifications is a new process and task for IALA. Therefore the e-Navigation Committee offers its support to the other Committees to assist with product specification development.

# Action requested

The Committees are requested to:

1. Incorporate the task for the development of relevant product specifications in the Committees work programme 2014-2018. This consists of:
   1. The identification of subjects (services and data products) to be developed into product specifications
   2. The development of Product Specifications using the Guideline on Producing an S-100 Product Specification as a reference.
2. Provide input to the Task Groups being set up to develop the product specifications.
3. Provide the e-Navigation Committee with a point of contact who may act as Field Manager for area of interest for the relevant Committee (VTS, AtoNs etc).