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IALA Patent Policy Notes

1 SUMMARY

This paper describes measures taken by IALA to avoid Patent difficulties.

1.1 Purpose of the document

This paper is to inform the PAP of measures taken by IALA to avoid Patent difficulties.

The paper should be read in conjunction with the draft Guideline on Patent Policy and Procedures 20150423 which has been submitted separately to PAP29.

1.2 Related documents

ENAV16-14.1.17 draft Guideline on Patent Policy and Procedures 20150423.

2 INTRODUCTION

To encourage the early disclosure and identification of Patents that may relate to IALA Standards, Recommendations, Guidelines under development and in doing so achieve greater efficiency in documents development and avoid potential patent rights problems, and to protect IALA and its members against patent development based upon IALA technical work, IALA has instituted the following measures.

3 GUIDELINE ON PATENT POLICY AND PROCEDURES

The draft guideline has a twofold purpose:

1. To state the policy of IALA – to develop recommendations etc. that do not have any intellectual property right (IPR) issues; Anyone participating in IALA work will then know that this is the name of the game, and be in “bad will” if they act differently.
2. To discover any existing IPR infringements (through Committee Chairman’s statement in plenary at each meeting) and either remove them through disclosure statements or alternatively work around them using different technical solutions in the documents.

4 PUBLIC AREA ON IALA WEB SITE

The purpose of webpage is to stop new patents on IALA work.

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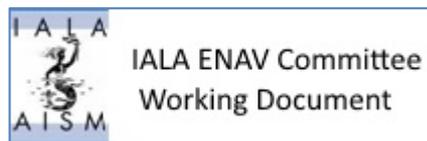
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