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Liaison Note

New Document Category: IALA Product Specification

# Summary

This paper proposes a new category of IALA documents.

## Purpose of the document

This paper seeks approval for the establishment of a new IALA document category.

## Related documents

Draft IALA Guideline On Producing an IALA S-100 Product Specification (Working Paper e-NAV13/WG6/WP1).

# Background

Product Specifications (PS) are the basic documents, specifying contributions to the IMO Common Maritime Data Structure (CMDS). IALA is steward of its own domain within the IHO GI Registry, which serves as the repository for contributions to the CMDS.

When accepted for inclusion in the IALA Domain, the Product Specification essentially becomes a standards document and any implementation of the PS shall be compliant with it.

# Discussion

None of the existing IALA document categories qualify as containing ‘standards’. The establishment of a new category ‘Product Specification’ should make it clear that any document in that category is actually a standards document.

# Action requested

PAP is requested to consider this proposal, with a view to forwarding it to the Council for approval.