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Documents Structure for an IALA IGO

# Introduction

This paper is intended to start a consideration by PAP of a revised document structure for IALA, one that is suitable for an IGO, and compatible with the new 12-year strategy for the organisation.

# BACKGROUND

IALA has a clear document hierarchy, which has served it well, and IALA members generally have a clear understanding of the purpose of IALA’s manuals, recommendations, and guidelines. Therefore a change should be carefully considered.

The draft “IALA Strategy 2014-2026” which PAP26 will consider specifically mentions *“a comprehensive suite of technical standards suitable for direct citation by States and by other international organisations”*. The present IALA document suite is not in a suitable form to meet this need, as it is primarily a collection of technically-narrow documents. Apart from the IALA Maritime Buoyage System, there is no IALA technical standard which might be so cited.

# Action requested

PAP is requested to consider how it might proceed to develop a suitable document structure, and also how it might develop a migration plan. The LAP might be asked to advise on the first.