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## **Liaison Note**

### **Aid to Navigation Definition**

#### **1 Introduction**

The ARM Committee Work Plan 2014-2018 includes Task 4.2.4 Amend the IALA Dictionary as appropriate including harmonisation of definition of AtoN

#### **2 Discussion**

Currently the following are the two *Aid to Navigation* definitions in the IALA dictionary:

- ***Aid to Navigation***

Alternative term: Seamark (G.B.)

Visual, acoustical or radio device to assist the safe and easy movement of ships.

Note: The term "seamark" is most commonly used for a visual device.

- ***Aid to Navigation (2)***

Any device or system, external to a vessel, which is provided to help a mariner determine position and course, to warn of dangers or of obstructions, or to give advice about the location of a best or preferred route.

Alternative term: Seamark (G.B.)

Visual, acoustical or radio device to assist the safe and easy movement of ships.

Note: The term "seamark" is most commonly used for a visual device.

Article 1 of the IALA Constitution contains the following definition of *Marine Aids to Navigation* s with the definition contained in

- ***Marine Aid to Navigation***

The term "Marine Aids to Navigation" referred to in the present Constitution should be understood to be a device, system or service, external to vessels, designed and operated to enhance safe and efficient navigation of individual vessels and/or vessel traffic.

ARM Committee recommends the two definitions currently in the Dictionary be removed and replaced by the definition in the IALA Constitution but that for ease of readability the wording in the Dictionary be as follows:

*A Marine Aid to Navigation is a device, system or service, external to vessels, designed and operated to enhance safe and efficient navigation of individual vessels and/or vessel traffic.*

It should be noted that the definition included in the IALA Strategic Vision differs from the proposed wording above in that the word 'individual' is replaced by 'all'.

#### **3 Action Required**

The ARM Committee requests that PAP approve the abovementioned proposed changes to the IALA Dictionary.