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# IALA STANDARD

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## 1. INTRODUCTION

IALA publishes Standards, Recommendations, and Guidelines for the global harmonisation of the provision, maintenance, and operation of marine aids to navigation, to foster the safe, economic, and efficient movement of vessels, and for the protection of the environment.

They are defined as follows.

Document	Definition
IALA Standards	IALA Standards form a framework, implementation of which by all coastal states will harmonize marine aids to navigation worldwide. IALA standards cover technology and services and are non-mandatory.
IALA Recommendations	IALA Recommendations specify what practices shall be carried out in order to comply with a Recommendation, and may be referenced, in full or in part, in an IALA Standard.
IALA Guidelines	IALA Guidelines describe how to implement practices normally specified in a Recommendation.

## 2. PURPOSE

The IALA Strategic Vision for the period 2014-2026, adopted by the General Assembly in 2014, ~~had two~~ includes the Goal ~~s, the first of which is to~~

“Ensure that aids to navigation systems and related services, including e-Navigation, Vessel Traffic Services, and emerging technologies, are harmonized through international cooperation and the provision of standards.”

IALA Standards are suitable for direct citation by States in the interest of an efficient and harmonised global network of [marine](#) aids to navigation and services.

## 3. APPLICATION

This Standard is suitable for implementation by all marine aids to navigation authorities.

## 4. SCOPE

IALA Standards may contain Normative and Informative provisions.

Normative provisions are those with which it is necessary to conform in order to claim compliance with the Standard.

Informative provisions are those which specify additional desirable practices but with which it is not necessary to conform in order to claim compliance with the Standard.

This Standard references Normative and Informative provisions, detailed in the listed IALA Recommendations, covering the following scope.

- Vessel Traffic Services Implementation
- Vessel Traffic Services Operations
- Vessel Traffic Services Data and Information Management

- Vessel Traffic Services Communications
- Vessel Traffic Services Technologies
- Auditing and Assessment of Vessel Traffic Services

## 5. REFERENCED DOCUMENTS

In this Standard, any reference to a Recommendation is to the most recent version approved by the IALA Council.

In this Standard the word 'shall' is used to indicate that a provision is Normative and ~~so~~ is to be followed in order to comply with the ~~s~~Standard. The word 'should' introduces Informative provisions.

The following Recommendations are **Normative** provisions, and **shall** be observed if compliance with this Standard is claimed.

Scope	Number	Title
Vessel Traffic Services Implementation	<a href="#">R0119</a> <del>V-119</del>	The Implementation of Vessel Traffic Services
Vessel Traffic Services Operations	<a href="#">R0127</a> <del>V-127</del>	Operational Procedures for Vessel Traffic Services
Vessel Traffic Services data and information management	<a href="#">R0125</a> <del>V-125</del>	The Use and Presentation of Symbology at a VTS Centre
Vessel Traffic Services Technologies	<a href="#">R0128</a> <del>V-128</del>	Operational and Technical Performance of VTS Systems

The following Recommendations are **Informative** provisions and **should** be observed if compliance with this Standard is claimed.

Scope	Number	Title
Vessel Traffic Services Implementation	<a href="#">R0102</a> V-102	The application of the 'User Pays' principle to Vessel Traffic Services
	<a href="#">R0120</a> V-120	Vessel Traffic Services in Inland Waters

## 6. SUPPLEMENTARY ELEMENTS

There are no supplementary elements to this Standard.

## 7. ADOPTION OF AND AMENDMENT OF STANDARDS

IALA Standards may be adopted or amended by a majority vote at a General Assembly of national members.

## 8. DOCUMENT HISTORY

Date	Amendment Details	Approval
2018-06-01	First issue	General Assembly Resolution, Incheon, <a href="#">Republic of Korea</a> , May 2018.

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