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This publication has been drafted in accordance with the ISO/IEC Directives, Part 3.

Annexes A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H, I and J form an integral part of this standard.

The committee has decided that the contents of this publication will remain unchanged until June 2004. At this date, the publication will be

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INTRODUCTION

For this second edition of this International Standard, the maintenance team completed the following tasks:

- a) developed minimum operational and performance requirements for the RCDS mode of operation in accordance with appendix 7 of the IMO performance standards as amended by IMO resolution MSC.86, importing much of the text from appendix 7 to produce an unambiguous and user-friendly annex H to this standard;
- b) developed separate tests for back-up arrangements as defined by appendix 6 of the IMO performance standards (see annex G);
- c) clarified the colour tolerance requirements and created allowances for the separate testing of monitors;
- d) performed an extensive review of the standard to ensure proper referencing and language throughout.

Technical committee 80 recognizes that there is further work to be accomplished in this standard, and a future revision is anticipated within 12 to 18 months, to incorporate some critical hydrographic considerations including the RNC test data set, several S-57 definitions and tests and harmonisation of the navigation related symbols.

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Electronic chart display and information system (ECDIS) – Operational and performance requirements, methods of testing and required test results

1 Scope

This International Standard specifies the performance requirements, methods of testing and required test results of equipment conforming to performance standards not interior to those adopted by the IMO in resolution A.817 as amended by annex 5 to IMO resolution MSC.64 and annex 4 to IMO resolution MSC.86.

This standard is based upon the performance standards of IMO resolution A.817, and is also associated with IMO resolution A.694 and IEC 60945. Reference is made, where appropriate, to IMO resolution A.817, and all subclauses whose wording is identical to that in the resolution are printed in italics.

In association with the above IMO resolution A.817, are the international Hydrographic Organization (IHO) special publications S-52, S-57 and S-61. This standard has included extracts from the above publications where they are applicable to this equipment. Where reference is made, all subclauses whose wording is identical to that in the publications, are printed in italics.

The requirements of this standard are not intended to prevent the use of new techniques in equipment and systems, provided the facilities offered are not inferior to those stated.

2 Normative references

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The following normative documents contain provisions, which, through reference in this text, constitute provisions of this international Standard. For dated references, subsequent amendments to, or revisions of, any of these publications do not apply. However, parties to agreements based on this international Standard are encouraged to investigate the possibility of applying the most recent editions of the normative documents indicated below. For undated references, the latest edition of the normative document referred to applies. Members of IEC and ISO maintain registers of currently valid International Standards.

IEC 60872-1: Maritime navigation and radiocommunication equipment and systems – Radar plotting aids – Part 1: Automatic radar plotting aids (ARPA) – Methods of testing and required test results

IEC 60945: Maritime navigation and radiocommunication equipment and systems – General requirements – Methods of testing and required test results

IEC 61162 (all parts), Maritime navigation and radiocommunication equipment and systems – Digital interfaces

ISO 9000 (all parts), Quality management and quality assurance standards

IMO Convention for safety of life at sea (SOLAS) 1997 (as amended)

IMO A.424:1979, *Performance standards for gyro-compasses*

IMO A.694:1991, General requirements for shipborne radio equipment forming part of the global maritime distress and safety system (GMDSS) and for electronic navigational aids

IMO A.817:1995, Performance standards for electronic chart display and information systems (ECDIS)

IMO A.821:1995, Performance standards for gyro-compasses for high-speed craft

IMO A.823:1995, Performance standards for automatic radar plotting aids (ARPAs)

IMO A.824:1995, Performance standards for devices to indicate speed and distance

IMO MSC.64(67):1996, Annex 4 – Performance standards for radar equipment

IMO MSC.64(67):1996, Annex 5 – Amendment to IMO A.817

IMO MSC.86(70):1998, Annex 4 – Amendments to IMO A.817

IHO S-52:1996, Specifications for chart content and display aspects of EQDIS

IHO S-52, appendix 1:1996, Guidance on updating the electronic navigational chart

IHO S-52, appendix 2:1997 (as amended), Colour and symbol specifications for ECDIS

IHO S-52, appendix 3:1997, Glossary of ECDIS-related terms

IHO S-52, appendix 4: Test data set for use with IEC 61174

IHO S-57:1996 (as amended), Transfer standard for digital hydrographic data

IHO S-61:1999, Product specification for raster havigational charts (RNC)

3 Definitions and abbreviations

Definitions of ECDIS related terms pertaining to IMO performance standards for ECDIS are listed in 4.2. A glossary of ECDIS related terms is included in S-52, appendix 3.

For the purpose of this International Standard the following definitions and abbreviations apply.

3.1 Definitions

3.1.1

CIE colour calibration

procedure to confirm that the colour specified in S-52, appendix 2 is correctly reproduced on the ECDIS display

3.1.2

common reference system

sensor input data, providing identical and obligatory reference pertaining to position, course, heading, bearing, speed, velocity, etc. and horizontal datum to different subsystems within an integrated navigation system

3.1.3

compilation scale

scale with which the chart information meets the IHO requirements for chart accuracy. It is established by the producing hydrographic office and encoded in the ENC

3.1.4

corrupted data

ENC data produced according to the S-57 ENC product specification, but altered or modified during production, transmission, or retrieval

3.1.5

degrade

reduce the quantity or quality of information content

3.1.6

display redraw time

interval from when the display starts to change until the new display is complete

3.1.7

display regeneration time

interval from operator action until the consequent redraw is complete

3.1.8

display scale

ratio between a distance on the display and a distance on the ground, normalized and expressed as, for example, 1:10 000

3.1.9

ENC cell

geographic division of ENC data for distributing purposes. For further information, refer to the ENC product specification in S-57

3.1.10

ENC data

data conforming to 4.2.2

3.1.11

ENC test data set

standardized data set supplied on behalf of the IHO that is necessary to accomplish IEC testing requirements for ECDIS. This data set is encoded according to the S-57 ENC product specification and contains update information based on S-52, appendix 1. The specific requirements are listed in annex F

3.1.12

non-ENC data

data not conforming to 4.2.2

3.1.13

overscale

display of the chart information at a display scale larger than the compilation scale. Overscaling may arise from deliberate overscaling by the mariner, or from automatic overscaling by ECDIS in compiling a display when the data included is at various scales

3.1.14

presentation library

implementation of the display specifications in S-52, appendix 2 "Colour and Symbol Specifications for ECDIS", by de-coding and symbolizing the SENC. It contains:

- a) the ECDIS symbol library, including the IEC navigation symbols;
- b) the ECDIS colour tables for day, dusk, and night viewing;
- c) look-up tables, linking SENC objects to the appropriate colour and symbology;
- d) conditional symbology procedures for:
 - cases where symbolizing depends on circumstances, such as the mariner's choice of safety contour;
 - cases where symbolizing is too complex to be defined in a direct look-up table;
- e) description of symbology instructions;
- f) mariner's navigation objects, specified in the same format as chart objects for convenience of processing in ECDIS;
- g) supplementary features, for example ECDIS chart 1 colour differentiation test diagrams and colour calibration software.

The presentation library is available in hard-copy or in digital form. The symbols shall be replicated in size and shape, using any convenient format. The colour tables shall be reproduced within the tolerances given in S-52, appendix 2/5.2.3. The remaining items may be implemented in any convenient form which produces the same results as the presentation library.

3.1.15

single operator action

single operation shall be achieved by activating a hardkey or softkey, including any necessary cursor movement

3.1.16

RNC data

data conforming to H.2.2

3.1.17

EPA

RNC test data set

standardized data set supplied on behalf of the IHO that is necessary to accomplish IEC testing requirements for RCDS mode of operation. This data set is encoded according to the S-61 RNC product specification. Test RNCs are specified by the HQ providing the RNC service or on whose behalf the RNC service is provided.

3.2 Abbreviations

- AIS Automatic identification system
- ARPA Automatic radar plotting aid
- ATA Automatic tracking aid
- CIE Comité International de l'Eclairage
- EBL Electronic bearing line
- ECDIS Electronic chart display and information system
- ENC Electronic navigational chart
- Electronic plotting aid EPFS Electronic position-fixing system
- EUT Equipment under test
- GMDSS Global maritime distress and safety system
- Hydrographic office HO
- International Electrotechnical Commission IEC
- IHO International Hydrographic Organization
- IMO International Maritime Organization
- RCDS Raster chart display system
- RNC Raster navigational chart
- SENC System electronic navigational chart
- SOLAS Safety of life at sea
- SRNC System raster navigational chart
- VRM Variable range marker

4 Minimum operational and performance requirements

4.1 Introduction

NOTE In the following subclauses of clause 4, the text in italics is from the corresponding paragraph of the annex to IMO resolution A.817. For example, 4.1.1 is paragraph 1.1 from the annex of A.817.

4.1.1 The primary function of the ECDIS is to contribute to safe navigation.

4.1.2 ECDIS with adequate back-up arrangements may be accepted as complying with the up-to-date charts required by regulation V/20 of the 1974 SOLAS Convention.

4.1.3 In addition to the general requirements for shipborne radio equipment forming part of the global maritime distress and safety system (GMDSS) and the requirements for electronic navigational aids contained in IMO resolution A.694 (IEC 60945), ECDIS shall meet the requirements of IMO resolution A.817.

4.1.4 ECDIS shall be capable of displaying all chart information necessary for safe and efficient navigation originated by, and distributed on the authority of, government authorized hydrographic offices.

4.1.5 ECDIS shall facilitate simple and reliable updating of the electronic navigational chart.

4.1.6 Use of ECDIS shall reduce the navigational workload as compared to use of the paper chart. It shall enable the mariner to execute in a convenient and timely manner all route planning, route monitoring and positioning currently performed on paper charts. It shall be capable of continuously plotting the ship's position.

4.1.7 ECDIS shall have at least the same reliability and availability of presentation as the paper chart published by government authorized hydrographic offices.

4.1.8 ECDIS shall provide appropriate alarms or indications with respect to the information displayed or malfunction of the equipment. (See annex D.)

4.1.9 When the relevant chart information is not available in the appropriate form, some ECDIS equipment may operate in the Raster Chart Display System (RCDS) mode as defined in annex H. Unless otherwise specified in annex H, the RCDS mode of operation shall conform to performance standards not inferior to those set out in IMO resolution A.817.

4.2 ECDIS definitions

For the purpose of this standard:

4.2.1 Electronic chart display and information system (ECDIS) means a navigation information system which with adequate backup arrangements can be accepted as complying with the up-to-date chart required by regulation V/20 of the 1974 SOLAS Convention, by displaying selected information from a system electronic navigational chart (SENC) with positional information from navigation sensors to assist the mariner in route planning and route monitoring, and by displaying additional navigation-related information.

The reference geodetic datum is WGS-84.