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- updated references are provided to IHO publications and test methods are updated to IHO test data sets;
- requirements have been added for display of radar and AIS information;
- new interface requirements have been added for BNWAS, VDR, BAM, MSI, INS and route transfer;
- a requirement for an anchor watch has been added;
- additional test methods are specified for operation of ECDIS beyond the normal range between 85 degrees South latitude and 85 degrees North latitude.

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## MARITIME NAVIGATION AND RADIOCOMMUNICATION EQUIPMENT AND SYSTEMS –

### 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 inferior to those adopted by the IMO in resolution MSC.232(82).

This standard is based upon the performance standards of IMO resolution MSC.232(82), and is also associated with IMO resolution A.694(17) and IEC 60945. Reference is made, where appropriate, to IMO resolution MSC.232(82), and all subclauses whose wording is identical to that in the resolution are printed in italics.

In association with the above IMO resolution MSC.232(82), are the International Hydrographic Organization (IHO) ~~special~~ publications<sup>1</sup> IHO S-32, IHO S-52, IHO S-57, IHO S-61, IHO S-63 and IHO S-64. 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.

*(232/A2.1) These performance standards should apply to all ECDIS equipment carried on all ships as follows:*

- *dedicated standalone workstation.*
- *a multifunction workstation as part of an INS.*

*(232/A2.2) These performance standards apply to ECDIS mode of operation, ECDIS in RCDS mode of operation as specified in Annex G and ECDIS backup arrangements as specified in Annex F.*

*(232/A2.3) Requirements for structure and format of the chart data, encryption of chart data as well as the presentation of chart data are within the scope of relevant IHO standards, including those listed in the normative references.*

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

The following documents, in whole or in part, are normatively referenced in this document and are indispensable for its application. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

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

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

IEC 61162-1, *Maritime navigation and radiocommunication equipment and systems – Digital interfaces – Part 1: Single talker and multiple listeners*

IEC 61162-450:2011 *Maritime navigation and radiocommunication equipment and systems – Digital interfaces – Part 450: Multiple talkers and multiple listeners – Ethernet interconnection*

IEC 61924-2:2012, *Maritime navigation and radiocommunication equipment and systems – Integrated navigation systems – Part 2: Modular structure for INS – Operational and performance requirements, methods of testing and required test results*

IEC 61996-1:2013, *Maritime navigation and radiocommunication equipment and systems – Shipborne voyage data recorder (VDR) – Part 1: Performance requirements, methods of testing and required test results*

IEC 62288:2014, *Maritime navigation and radiocommunication equipment and systems – Presentation of navigation-related information on shipborne navigational displays – General requirements – Methods of testing and required test results*

IEC 62388:2013, *Maritime navigation and radiocommunication equipment and systems – Shipborne radar – Performance requirements – Methods of testing and required test results*

ISO 8601, *Data elements and interchange formats – Information interchange – Representation of dates and times*

IHO M-3:2007, *Resolutions of the IHO, Chapter A, Section 3, Technical Resolution 3.11*

IHO S-52:2014, *Specifications for chart content and display aspects of ECDIS edition 6.1*

IHO S-52, appendix 1:2012, *Guidance on Updating the Electronic Navigational Chart edition 4.0*

IHO S-52, Annex A:2014, *Presentation library edition 4.0*

IHO S-57, *IHO transfer standard for digital hydrographic data*

IHO S-57, appendix B.1, *ENC product specification*

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

IHO S-63, *IHO data protection scheme*

IHO S-64, *Test data sets for ECDIS*

IMO, *International Convention for the safety of life at sea (SOLAS) 1974 (as amended)*

~~IMO A.424(XI):1979, Performance standards for gyro-compasses~~

IMO A.694(17):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.821(19):1995, Performance standards for gyro-compasses for high-speed craft~~

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~~IMO A.824(19):1995, Performance standards for devices to indicate speed and distance~~

~~IMO A.830(19):1995, Code on Alarms and Indicators~~

IMO MSC.191(79):2004, Performance standards for the presentation of navigation-related information on shipborne navigational displays

~~IMO MSC.192(79), Revised performance standards for radar equipment~~

IMO MSC.232(82):2006, Revised Performance standards for electronic chart display and information systems (ECDIS)

IMO MSC.252(83), Performance standards for integrated navigation systems (INS)

IMO MSC/Circ.982:2000, Guidelines on ergonomic criteria for bridge equipment and layout

~~IMO SN/Circ.243 (2004), Guidelines for the Presentation of Navigation-related Symbols, Terms and Abbreviations~~

IMO SN.1/Circ.266:2007, Maintenance of electronic chart display and information system (ECDIS) software

~~IHO M-3:2007, Resolutions of the IHO, Chapter A, Section 3, Technical Resolution 3.11~~

~~IHO S-32, appendix 1, Hydrographic dictionary—Glossary of ECDIS related terms~~

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

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

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- updated references are provided to IHO publications and test methods are updated to IHO test data sets;
- requirements have been added for display of radar and AIS information;

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- new interface requirements have been added for BNWAS, VDR, BAM, MSI, INS and route transfer;
- a requirement for an anchor watch has been added;
- additional test methods are specified for operation of ECDIS beyond the normal range between 85 degrees South latitude and 85 degrees North latitude.

The text of this standard is based on the following documents:

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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 inferior to those adopted by the IMO in resolution MSC.232(82).

This standard is based upon the performance standards of IMO resolution MSC.232(82), and is also associated with IMO resolution A.694(17) and IEC 60945. Reference is made, where appropriate, to IMO resolution MSC.232(82), and all subclauses whose wording is identical to that in the resolution are printed in italics.

In association with the above IMO resolution MSC.232(82), are the International Hydrographic Organization (IHO) publications<sup>1</sup>. IHO S-32, IHO S-52, IHO S-57, IHO S-61, IHO S-63 and IHO S-64. 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.

*(232/A2.1) These performance standards should apply to all ECDIS equipment carried on all ships as follows:*

- *dedicated standalone workstation.*
- *a multifunction workstation as part of an INS.*

*(232/A2.2) These performance standards apply to ECDIS mode of operation, ECDIS in RCDS mode of operation as specified in Annex G and ECDIS backup arrangements as specified in Annex F.*

*(232/A2.3) Requirements for structure and format of the chart data, encryption of chart data as well as the presentation of chart data are within the scope of relevant IHO standards, including those listed in the normative references.*

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

The following documents, in whole or in part, are normatively referenced in this document and are indispensable for its application. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

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

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<sup>1</sup> IHO publications are available from <http://www.iho.int>, together with any supplementary information.

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IEC 61162-1, *Maritime navigation and radiocommunication equipment and systems – Digital interfaces – Part 1: Single talker and multiple listeners*

IEC 61162-450:2011 *Maritime navigation and radiocommunication equipment and systems – Digital interfaces – Part 450: Multiple talkers and multiple listeners – Ethernet interconnection*

IEC 61924-2:2012, *Maritime navigation and radiocommunication equipment and systems – Integrated navigation systems – Part 2: Modular structure for INS – Operational and performance requirements, methods of testing and required test results*

IEC 61996-1:2013, *Maritime navigation and radiocommunication equipment and systems – Shipborne voyage data recorder (VDR) – Part 1: Performance requirements, methods of testing and required test results*

IEC 62288:2014, *Maritime navigation and radiocommunication equipment and systems – Presentation of navigation-related information on shipborne navigational displays – General requirements – Methods of testing and required test results*

IEC 62388:2013, *Maritime navigation and radiocommunication equipment and systems – Shipborne radar – Performance requirements – Methods of testing and required test results*

ISO 8601, *Data elements and interchange formats – Information interchange – Representation of dates and times*

IHO M-3:2007, *Resolutions of the IHO, Chapter A, Section 3, Technical Resolution 3.11*

IHO S-52:2014, *Specifications for chart content and display aspects of ECDIS edition 6.1*

IHO S-52, appendix 1:2012, *Guidance on Updating the Electronic Navigational Chart edition 4.0*

IHO S-52, Annex A:2014, *Presentation library edition 4.0*

IHO S-57, *IHO transfer standard for digital hydrographic data*

IHO S-57, appendix B.1, *ENC product specification*

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

IHO S-63, *IHO data protection scheme*

IHO S-64, *Test data sets for ECDIS*

IMO, *International Convention for the safety of life at sea (SOLAS) 1974 (as amended)*

IMO A.694(17):1991, *General requirements for shipborne radio equipment forming part of the global maritime distress and safety system (GMDSS) and for electronic navigational aids*

IMO MSC.191(79):2004, *Performance standards for the presentation of navigation-related information on shipborne navigational displays*

IMO MSC.232(82):2006, *Revised Performance standards for electronic chart display and information systems (ECDIS)*

IMO MSC.252(83), *Performance standards for integrated navigation systems (INS)*

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IMO MSC/Circ.982:2000, *Guidelines on ergonomic criteria for bridge equipment and layout*

IMO SN.1/Circ.266:2007, *Maintenance of electronic chart display and information system (ECDIS) software*