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## **Acoustics — Measurement of noise on board vessels**

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## Foreword

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This second edition cancels and replaces the first edition (ISO 2923:1975), which has been technically revised.

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# Acoustics — Measurement of noise on board vessels

## 1 Scope

This International Standard specifies techniques and conditions for the measurement of noise on board vessels, both inland and seagoing, in order to obtain reproducible and comparable measurements. The results may be used, for example, for the following:

- to compare various vessels;
- in delivery and acceptance tests for comparison with national or international legislation and owner's specifications;
- in monitoring tests;
- as a basis for further investigations and noise-abatement measures;
- as a basis to assess the noise exposure and the effects of the noise to which seafarers are exposed;
- to assess speech intelligibility;
- to assess the audibility of acoustical alarms.

The uncertainty of measurements on board vessels depends on several factors, for example, measurement techniques and environmental conditions. Measurements made in conformity with this International Standard with few exceptions result in standard deviations of reproducibility of the equivalent continuous A-weighted sound pressure level equal to or less than 1,5 dB.

## 2 Normative references

The following standards contain provisions which, through reference in this text constitute provisions of this International Standard. At the time of publication, the editions indicated were valid. All standards are subject to revision, and parties to agreements based on this International Standard are encouraged to investigate the possibility of applying the most recent editions of the standards indicated below. Members of IEC and ISO maintain registers of currently valid International Standards.

IEC 651:1979, *Sound level meters*, and Amendment 1:1993.

IEC 804:1985, *Integrating-averaging sound level meters*, and Amendment 1:1989, and Amendment 2:1993.

IEC 942: 1988, *Sound calibrators*.

IEC 1260:1995, *Electroacoustics — Octave-band and fractional-octave-band filters*.