
**Ships and marine technology —
Guidelines for the installation of
ship communication networks for
shipboard equipment and systems**

*Navires et technologie maritime — Lignes directrices pour
l'installation de réseaux de communication des navires pour les
équipements et systèmes embarqués*



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Foreword

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Introduction

This International Standard gives guidelines relating to such matters as the communication network-system architecture, data requirements, administration, operation, commissioning, inspection and testing.

This International Standard also takes into account differences between shipboard communication networks and networks that are used outside of ships, and stipulates requirements and the like in clauses relating to matters unique to shipboard use.

Until now, there have not been comprehensive guidelines for connecting devices provided by many different manufacturers to a network via generic means, and this has impeded the wider use of shipboard networks.

This International Standard will make it possible to provide guidelines for all aspects of communication network-system design, commissioning, inspection, testing and operation, and improve convenience to all involved parties, including manufacturers, engineering firms, shipbuilders, and shipping companies.

This communication network for shipboard equipment connects equipment, and shares information gathered from shipboard equipment and systems via a network. This communication network is connected to the navigational equipment network and engine-control network via an appropriate gateway.

The independence of such a network is ensured by using a gateway.

This network is intended for information sharing and is not directly related to safety of navigation. Also, it is not a system targeted for classification rules.

Additionally, [Annex A](#) is attached to provide detailed examples of technical information that serve as guidelines for some difficulties caused when the information network system is designed.

NOTE Requirements for wireless communication systems, which serve as an effective method of onboard wireless communication, is specified in IEEE 802.11, and national laws are established based on the aforementioned IEEE in each country. Different frequency and output range are allotted by each country, and regulations exist for such frequencies and ranges in some countries. Given the circumstances, it is possible that wireless communication systems cannot be used when calling at a port. Therefore, wireless communication systems are outside the scope of this International Standard.

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1 Scope

This International Standard specifies installation guidelines for ship communication networks for improving communication for shipboard equipment and systems that are independent from navigational equipment networks and engine-control networks.

This International Standard utilizes existing standards relating to protocols, and provides new guidelines for such aspects as communication network-system architecture, administration, operation, and installation.

The new guidelines specifically include: redundancy if necessary for a shipboard communication network system; network administration that does not require experts; physical as well as logical security; and network installation.

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 61162-450, *Maritime navigation and radio communication equipment and systems — Digital interfaces — Part 450: Multiple talkers and multiple listeners — Ethernet interconnection*

IEEE 802.3, *Ethernet (Formerly: Carrier Sense Multiple Access with Collision Detection)*

3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the following terms and definitions apply.

3.1

network

communication network restricted in scope to a ship

3.2

XML

eXtensible Markup Language

meta language for sending and receiving data via a network that is recommended by the WWW Consortium

3.3

gateway

communication device that connects computer networks to networks with differing protocols

3.4

collision domain

domain in a computer network where simultaneous transmission will cause collisions or congestion

3.5

broadcast domain

domain on a computer network where broadcasted frames (broadcasts) are received