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# MARITIME NAVIGATION AND RADIOCOMMUNICATION EQUIPMENT AND SYSTEMS – BRIDGE NAVIGATIONAL WATCH ALARM SYSTEM (BNWAS)

## 1 Scope

This International Standard specifies the minimum performance requirements, technical characteristics and methods of testing, and required test results, for a bridge navigational watch alarm system (BNWAS) as required by Chapter V of the International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea (SOLAS), as amended. It takes account of the general requirements given in IMO resolution A.694(17) and is associated with IEC 60945. When a requirement in this International Standard is different from IEC 60945, the requirement in this standard takes precedence.

This standard incorporates the parts of the performance standards included in IMO resolution MSC.128(75).

NOTE 1 All text of this standard, whose wording is identical to that of IMO resolution MSC.128(75), is printed in italics, and the resolution and associated performance standard paragraph numbers are indicated in brackets.

*(128/A1) The purpose of a bridge navigational watch alarm system (BNWAS) is to monitor bridge activity and detect operator disability which could lead to marine accidents. The system monitors the awareness of the Officer of the Watch (OOW) and automatically alerts the Master or another qualified OOW if for any reason the OOW becomes incapable of performing the OOW's duties. This purpose is achieved by a series of indications and alarms to alert first the OOW and, if he is not responding, then to alert the Master or another qualified OOW. Additionally, the BNWAS may provide the OOW with a means of calling for immediate assistance, if required. The BNWAS should be operational whenever the ship is underway at sea (SOLAS V/19.2.2.3).*

NOTE 2 BNWAS may not, in practice, be realised as a stand alone equipment. It may be integrated in other equipment such as radar, ECDIS, etc.

## 2 Normative references

The following referenced documents are indispensable for the application of this document. 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*

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

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

IMO Resolution A.813(19), *General requirements for electromagnetic compatibility (EMC) for all electrical and electronic ship's equipment*

IMO Resolution A.830(19), *Code on alarms and indicators*

IMO Resolution MSC.128(75), *Recommendation on performance standards for a bridge navigational watch alarm system (BNWAS)*

IMO MSC/Circ.982, *Guidelines on Ergonomic Criteria for Bridge equipment and Layout*