# Concepts for Associations

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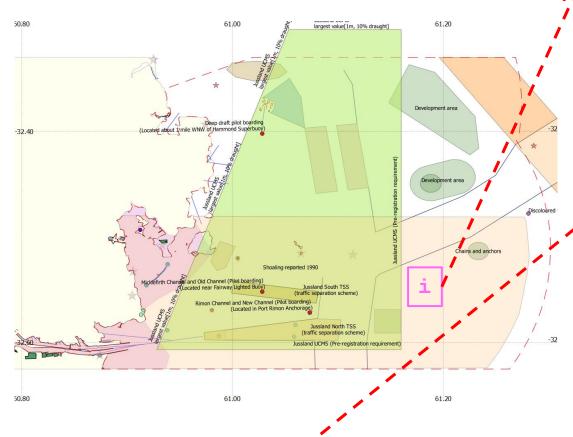
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### **OVERVIEW**

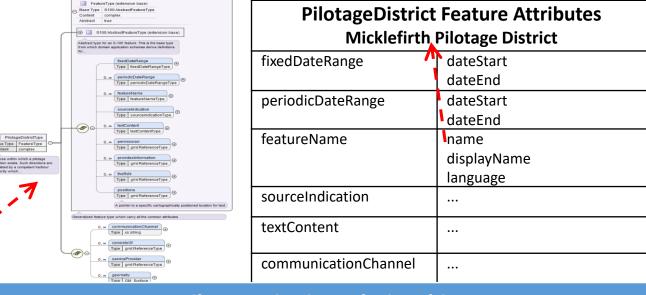
- U/I concepts
- Recommendations for Product Specification documents
  - Template language for describing associations for producers
  - Template language for portrayals
- Concepts described in this presentation are discussion items for further consideration

#### **PRODUCER: BASIC UI CONCEPT**



Diagram(s), encoding instructions from DCEG, and Remarks from feature catalogue (encoding instructions in editor interface only – Pick report shows FC remarks, entry helper shows DCEG content and diagram(s).)

#### Pick (side?) report/hover box/entry helper at 32° 33.456' S 061° 20.987' E



#### **PilotageDistrict Relationships**

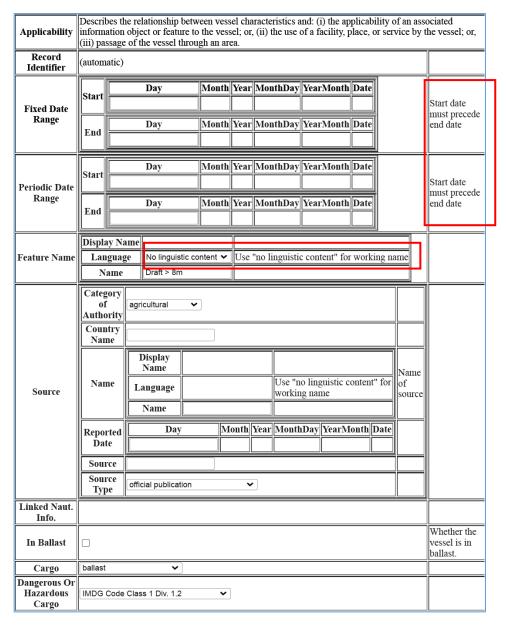
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Provides information	[ADD LINK (editor interface only)]
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Positions	[ADD LINK (editor interface only)]
Consists Of	Hyperlink(JS.PILBOP.03)
Service Provider	hyperlink(JS.PLTSRV.01), hyperlink(JS.PLTSRV.02)

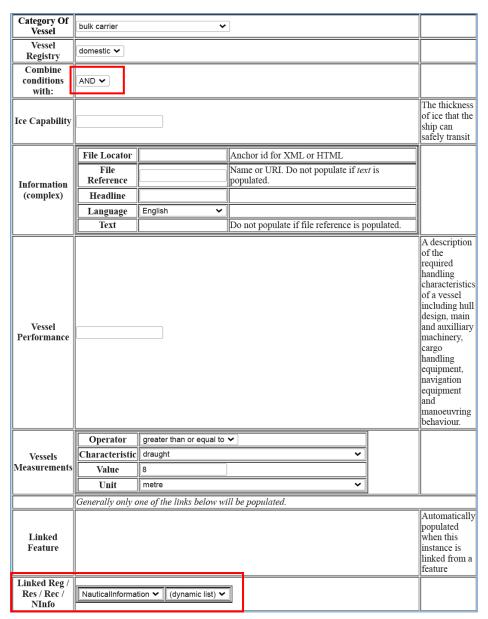
#### **APPLICATION: BASIC UI CONCEPT**



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# **EDITOR UI - APPLICABILITY**





# **APPLICATION UI - APPLICABILITY**

	Cargo: danger			
	Dimension	compared to	Limiting value	
When ALL conditions satisfied	gross tonnage greater than or equal to 1600 gross ton  Miscellaneous conditions: Also applies to all barges carrying dangerous cargo. Vessels are not required to send the hour notification if they are participating in AMVER.			
			are not required to send the 24-	

When ALL conditions satisfied	Vessel type: other: all types including barges Cargo: dangerous or hazardous
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For	Miscellaneous conditions: All ships that depart from foreign port and intend to enter Jussland ports
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For Miscellaneous conditions: Vessels departing from Jussland ports	
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For	Miscellaneous conditions: Vessels with any of the following dangerous conditions on board: (1) Occurrence of fire. (2) Vessel involved in a collision or grounding. (3) Any defect in the ship's hull. (4) Any defect in the ship's main propulsion, electrical or steering systems. (5) Any defect in the ship's radio equipment, radar, or compasses. (6) Any defect is the ship's anchors or ground tackle.
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Dimension	compared to	Limiting value	
gross tonnage	greater than or equal to	1000 gross ton	
commerce. (2)	Foreign flag vessels of 1,00	tes flag merchant vessels of 1,000 gross tons or 00 gross tons or more, for which an Interim Wa XII, Merchant Marine Act, 1936.	

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# **APPLICATION UI – APPLICABILITY - 2**

	Vessel type: other: all types including tug and tow			
	Dimension	compared to	Limiting value	
When ATT conditions satisfied	length overall	greater than or equal to	50 metre	
When ALL conditions satisfied	length overall	less than	90 metre	
	draught	greater than or equal to	6 metre	

	Vessel type: other: all types including tug and tow			
	Dimension	compared to	Limiting value	
When ALL conditions satisfied	length overall	greater than or equal to	50 metre	
	draught	greater than or equal to	4 metre	
	Miscellaneous	conditions: When restricte	ed visibility exists	

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# **RECOMMENDATIONS - PRODUCT SPECIFICATIONS**

- All (NPUB) product specifications should include clause(s) summarizing the feature and information associations in the
  model. One or more UML diagrams capturing the relationships should be included. In order to reduce diagram clutter,
  attributes should not be included.
- The Product Specification should include a section describing feature bindings, preferably as a reproduction, summary, or elaboration of S-100 5-4.2.5.2 and 5-4.2.5.3, though a reference to those clauses may suffice.
  - Based on S-100WG7 discussions, these S-100 clauses *might* be revised soon.
- Product Specifications should describe portrayal of information types common to multiple NPUB product specifications:
  - Schedules (ServiceHours, NonStandardWorkingDay)
  - Regulations, Restrictions, Recommendations, Nautical Information
  - Limitations by vessel characteristics
- The Portrayal section of a Product Specification which uses Applicability information type to describe the applicability of regulations (and recommendations, etc.) to vessels should include the paragraph below.

The text generated [from instances of the information type Applicability] should be linked or otherwise related to the feature or information type to which it applies depending on the nature (and attributes, if any) of the association between Applicability and the feature or information type to which it is associated. For example, the text generated might be preceded by the text of the linked Regulation (for InclusionType associations), or the text generated from Applicability appear in a hover box linked to a geographic feature (for PermissionType associations).

# **RECOMMENDATIONS - DCEG**

- DCEGs should define terms and abbreviations using more accessible language than Product Specifications and S-100.
- Template for common clause describing associations, based on existing clause 2.5 (Associations).
- Each feature table should include a UML diagram...not showing attributes, only associations for the class described by the feature table.
- Each "theme section" in the DCEG should have an introductory section describing the associations between features comprising that theme, to/from other features. Diagram(s) should be included.
- Regulations, schedules, and limitations by vessel characteristics (Applicability) are common to multiple NPUB product specifications.
   Template clauses are supplied for each of these "themes".

# "MIXED PORTRAYAL" IN PRODUCT SPECIFICATION

#### 11.4 Schedules

information type)

Schedule information is encoded in the ServiceHours and NonStandardWorkingDay information types. Schedules should be displayed as tabulations according to the day of the week. A template for the tabulation is shown in Table 11.2. The objects and attributes from which the displayed information is derived are shown in italics. Implementers may deviate from the layout shown provided the resulting display shows at least the information specified in the table (for example, exceptions from NonStandardWorkingDay may be placed in an additional column instead of a separate row, or merged into the Notes column).

Table 11.2 - General layout of schedules display D----

Operations	Days	Times	Notes		
(Table sub-header, fror	(Table sub-header, from featureName if present - omit this row if featureName is not present)				
Links to other unusual	attributes like source and graphic can be ir	cluded here.			
Normal, Closed, Unmanned OR other: abcde	(Day(s) of week) DoW (single day)	(Times of day) hh:mm-hh:mm hh:mm-hh:mm	(Additional information) complex attribute		
Attribute categoryOfSchedule	OR DoW - DoW (if dayOfWeekIsRange = true) OR	 timeOfdayStart, timeOfDayEnd	information		
From ServiceHours  Date ranges fixedDataRange, periodicDateRange	DoW, DoW (if dayOfWeekIsRange = false)				
(repeat according to mi	ultiplicity of scheduleByDayOfWeek)				
Exceptions	(fixed and variable date(s) from dateFixed or dateVariable)		(Additional information)		
NonStandardWorking Day associated to the above ServiceHours	,		complex attribute information		
(repeat both rows abo	ove, according to multiplicity of Service	Hours associated	to the feature or		

#### Notes:

- (1) The "Normal, Closed, ..." row represents information from ServiceHours, the "Exceptions" row from NonStandardWorkingDay associated to that ServiceHours.
- (2) If there is more than one ServiceHours instance associated to the same feature or information type, the rows are repeated. This might be the case if there are different schedules for different types of operations (normal, unmanned, etc.).
- (3) DoW represents scheduleByDayOfWeek.timeIntervalsByDayOfWeek.dayOfWeek.
- (4) Times must be ordered according to the sequence of timeOfDavstart and timeOfDavEnd attributes in the dataset (this allows for encoding multiple periods in the day if needed, for example 08:00 - 12:00 and 13:00 - 17:00).
- (5) The "Notes" column contains the content of the information attribute of ServiceHours or NonStandardWorkingDay (either the content of the text sub-attribute or a link to the text, as
- (6) Inclusion of the header row(s) is left to implementer discretion.
- (7) Other attributes (for example, graphic) are not expected to be used for encoding schedule information, but if populated should be accessible via the "Notes" column or in header or trailer rows.

Since S-100 Edition 5.0.0 portrayal does not provide for specifying templates for text formatting, the implementation of tabular forms must be left to implementers for this edition. As a provisional alternative, information may be displayed in text form, with rows of Table 11.2 converted to phrases:

Normal operation: (date range) DoW-DoW, hh:mm-hh:mm, (additional information/link) Exceptions: (fixed/variable dates), (additional information/link)

# PRODUCTION STRATEGIES - DATASET CREATION

#### 12.4 Production hints and recommended practices (informative)

#### 12.4.1 Capturing the application of a regulation, recommendation, etc. to specified kinds of vessels

Encoders may find it easiest to capture the application of a regulation (recommendation , etc.) to a class or set of vessels in three phases:

- (1) Encode the operative part of the regulation (the part that describes what the vessels subject to the regulation must or must not do), creating an instance of **Regulation** (or **Recommendation** etc., as appropriate). Descriptions of what kinds of vessels are subject to the regulation must be excluded from the content of the **Regulation** instance.
- (2) Create an Applicability information type and encode the description of what kinds of vessels are subject to (or exempted from) the regulation.
- (3) Link the two using an InclusionType with membership=included if the vessels described by Applicability are subject to the regulation, or membership=excluded if they are explicitly exempted from the regulation.

It is not necessary to create separate instances of the regulation for inclusion and exclusion.

#### 12.4.2 Capturing the permissibility or otherwise of a geographic feature for specified kinds of vessels

Encoders may find it easiest to capture the permissibility of a feature to specified kinds of vessels in three phases.

- (1) Create the geographic feature if it does not already exist.
- (2) Create an **Applicability** information type and encode the description of what kinds of vessels are required to use the geographic feature.
- (3) Link the two using a PemissionType with categoryOfRelationship = required.

For the other relationships (prohibited, not recommended, etc.) steps 2 and 3 should be modified accordingly (i.e., if use by certain kinds of vessels is "not recommended" encode the description of that kind of vessels in an Applicability and create a linking **PermissionType** with *categoryOfRelationship* = not recommended).

It is not necessary to create a separate instance of the geographic feature for each type of relationship.

#### 12.4.3 Constructing the Applicability information type

Where the source material describes complex conditions, encoders may find it useful to write out the conditions in structured language with grouping parentheses, for example, as "(condition A) AND (condition B) AND (condition C)", or draw diagrams, before encoding **Applicability** and its associations.

Note that the model limitation on mixing logical connectives means some forms of conditions which use "nesting" cannot be encoded in a single **Applicability** instance and multiple instances must be created.

EXAMPLE: The complex condition "(condition A) AND ((condition B) OR (condition C))" must be encoded as two **Applicability** instances, one with "(condition A) AND (condition B)" and the other with "(condition A) AND (condition C)".

Table 12.2 - Example of conversion of complex condition to multiple simple conditions

Complex condition	Encode as	
(condition A)	Applicability 1: (condition A) AND (condition B)	
,	Applicability 1. (condition A) AND (condition B)	
AND	Applicability 2: (condition A) AND (condition C)	
((condition B) OR (condition C))		

Data producers may contact NIPWG with questions about encoding complex conditions.

As a last resort, conditions may be written as phrases in natural language and encoded in the *information* attribute. It is acceptable for an **Applicability** to have only the *information* attribute populated.

# CONCLUSION

- NPUBs use of associations and information types is complex.
  - Pick report-like portrayal is insufficient especially for associations.
  - Producer U/I based purely on data objects is likely to be difficult to use.
  - Other concepts are needed for both production and end-user portrayal interfaces.
- Extensions may be needed
  - Support in Product Specifications: Extensions to Application Schema, GML format, portrayal specification?
  - Support in S-100? (Feature Catalogue model, Portrayal Catalogue, GML format)
- Participation Invited!
  - Provide user perspectives in identifying current problems and needs
  - Review recommendations for documentation and product specifications
  - Send input and questions to Raphael Malyankar
  - More materials at <a href="https://iho.int/en/nipwg-vtc-2023">https://iho.int/en/nipwg-vtc-2023</a> and <a href="https://iho.int/en/nipwg-vtc-2023">https://iho.int/en/nipwg-vtc-2023</a>