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Proposal to Promote the Development of Guideline on Quality Management System for Vessel Traffic Service

1 SUMMARY

Considering that "Develop a guideline on quality management system for VTS" has been included in the IALA Committee's work program 2023-2027, the China Maritime Safety Administration (MSA) taking into account the preliminary work carried out, proposes to promote the development of the guideline on quality management system for VTS.

1.1 Purpose of the document

Promote the VTS Committee to carry out the work related to the development of Guideline on Quality Management System for VTS.

1.2 Related documents

VTS51-7.3.2 Task register proposal 2022-2026-Guideline on quality management system for VTS.

VTS51-7.3.2.1 Guideline of quality management system for vessel traffic services (draft framework)

VTS52-7.3.1 Proposal for developing a Guideline on Quality Management System for Vessel Traffic Service.

VTS52-7.3.1.1 Enclosure 1 - Draft of Guideline on Quality Management System for Vessel Traffic Service.

VTS52-7.3.1.2 Enclosure 2 - Questionnaire for VTS QMS.

VTS53-7.2.2 Questionnaire on Developing a New Guideline on Quality Management System for Vessel Traffic Service.

VTS53-7.2.2.1 Enclosure 1 -Questionnaire for VTS QMS.

C78-7.2 Draft IALA committee work programme 2023-2027.

2 BACKGROUND

The quality management system is an effective tool for VTS providers to efficiently manage, operate and drive continuous improvement. It also helps the global VTS to provide a coordinated and unified service. It is established and used by the majority of VTS providers worldwide.

At the same time, IALA also encourages and guides competent authorities to establish and operate quality management systems in relevant recommendations and guidelines, but there is a lack of specific guidance documents on VTS quality management system.

3 DISCUSSION

3.1 Preliminary work

In order to promote the development of the Guideline on Quality Management System for VTS, China MSA submitted a task register (VTS 51- 7.3.2) and a draft guideline framework (VTS 51-7.3.2.1) at VTS 51, which was included in the first draft of the work plan (VTS 51-13.3.0.2) by the VTS Committee.

At VTS 52, China MSA submitted a proposal (VTS 52-7.3.1) describing the need to establish a quality management system for VTS, and submitted a draft guideline (VTS 52-7.3.1.1) and questionnaire (VTS 52-7.3.1.2). The VTS Committee indicated that it would consider the establishment of a separate guideline for the quality management system for VTS.

After VTS 52, China MSA conducted a questionnaire survey on the need to establish a guideline on quality management system for VTS and submitted a corresponding proposal (VTS 53-7.2.2, VTS 53-7.2.2.1) at VTS 53.

After VTS 53, China MSA formed a working group to revise and improve the draft guideline (VTS 52-7.3.1.1) by reviewing IMO and IALA documents related to quality system and studying ISO 9001:2015.

3.2 Work plan

In order to better promote this task, China MSA suggests that the VTS Committee should carry out the following work as soon as possible:

1. set up a working group during VTS 54, recruit members of the working group, and elect a working group leader;
2. the working group evaluates the workload of developing the guideline on quality management system for VTS based on the proposals submitted by China MSA since VTS 51, and draws up a deadline for the completion of the programme;
3. the working group carries out its work on the basis of the annex to the present document;
4. based on the progress of the work, the working group decides whether to set up an intersessional working group to advance the development of the guideline;
5. considering the IALA document structure, it is recommended to synchronize the revision of Recommendation R0 132 in order to relate the guideline on quality management system for VTS to it.

4 ACTION REQUESTED OF THE COMMITTEE

The Committee is requested to consider the suggestions above.

ENCLOSURES

- 1 Draft of Guideline on Quality Management System for Vessel Traffic Service