

IALA COUNCIL
80th session



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10 – TECHNICAL ACTIVITIES

10.5 – VTS

10.5.1 – VTS 55 summary report

Note by the Secretariat

1. INTRODUCTION

The 55th session of the VTS Committee was held from 8 to 21 March 2024, with the physical week at IALA HQ occurring between 11 and 15 March. Monica Sundklev chaired the session, with Dirk Eckhoff as Vice-chair, and Thomas Southall serving as the Secretary.

The session saw participation from 142 representatives spanning 33 countries, four Sister organizations, and one observer. Notably, 44 of these participants were attending for the first time. The VTS Committee reviewed 42 input papers and produced 26 output papers, including working papers from three Working Groups.

2. SUMMARY OF THE WORK ITEMS

During this session, the Committee reviewed and updated the work programme, adjusting several tasks based on the Committee's capacity. The discussions in the Working Groups covered the following topics:

Working Group 1:

- Develop guidance on the implications of MASS from a VTS perspective
- Develop guidance to assist competent authorities for VTS establish an appropriate policy and regulatory framework to meet their obligations
- Develop guidance on VTS digital communications (operational aspects)
- Revision of IMO Resolution A.918(22) IMO Standard Marine Communication Phrases
- Develop a guideline on quality management system for VTS
- Conduct of the Global VTS Questionnaire

Working Group 2:

- Conduct of the Global VTS Questionnaire
- updating G1111-1 to include guidance on VTS Management Information Systems.
- Review and update Recommendation R0145 (V-145) on the Inter-VTS Exchange Format (IVEF) Service.
- Develop guidance on cyber security for Marine AtoN

Working Group 3:

- Develop guidance on aptitudes required by VTS Operators

- Develop guidance on remote training in VTS
- Revision of G1027 on Simulation in VTS training
- Revision of IALA VTS Model Courses
- English Language Competency Requirements in VTS Operations

3. OUTCOMES OF THE COMMITTEE

The following draft documents have been prepared for Council approval:

- C80-10.5.2 (VTS55-12.2.2) Revised Guideline G1141 Operational Procedures for VTS
- C80-10.5.3 (VTS55-12.3.3) Revised Guideline G1177 Portrayal of VTS information
- C80-10.5.4 (VTS55-12.3.5) Service design for VTS traffic clearance service
- C80-10.5.5 (VTS55-12.3.6) Service specification for VTS traffic clearance service
- C80-10.5.6 (VTS55-12.4.1) Revised model course C0103-4 VTS On-the-Job Training Instructor

The following draft liaison note has been prepared for Council approval:

- C80-12.3.1 (VTS55-12.3.4) Liaison Note to IEC TC80 WG17 on Proposed change to IEC 63173-1

4. THE COUNCIL IS REQUESTED TO

NOTE the information provided in this document.