



# IALA RECOMMENDATION (NORMATIVE)

## R1013 AUDITING AND ASSESSING VESSEL TRAFFIC SERVICES

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# THE COUNCIL

## RECALLING:

- 1 The function of IALA with respect to Safety of Navigation, the efficiency of maritime transport and the protection of the environment.
- 2 Article 8 of the IALA Constitution regarding the authority, duties and functions of the Council.

## NOTING:

- 1 IALA Guideline *G1101 Auditing and Assessing VTS* provides practical guidance to assist an authority to implement an auditing and assessment framework for VTS to ensure conformity with international obligations.
- 2 IALA Guideline *G1115 Preparing for an IMO Member State Audit Scheme (IMSAS)* provides practical guidance to assist an authority prepare for the VTS section of an IMSAS audit.

## RECOGNIZING that:

- 1 The *International Convention on the Safety of Life at Sea 74/78 (SOLAS) Chapter V (Safety of Navigation) Regulation 12* provides for vessel traffic services and states inter-alia that:
  - a Vessel traffic services (VTS) contribute to safety of life at sea, safety and efficiency of navigation and protection of the marine environment, adjacent shore areas, work sites and offshore installations from possible adverse effects of maritime traffic.
  - b Contracting Governments undertake to arrange for the establishment of VTS where, in their opinion, the volume of traffic or the degree of risk justifies such services.
  - c Contracting Governments planning and implementing VTS shall, wherever possible, follow the guidelines developed by the International Maritime Organization (i.e., IMO Resolution *A.1158(32) Guidelines for Vessel Traffic Services*).
- 2 IMO Resolution *A.1158(32)* states that:
  - a Vessel traffic services are provided worldwide and make a valuable contribution to safety of navigation, improved efficiency of traffic flow and the protection of the marine environment.
  - b The use of differing procedures may cause confusion to ship masters, and that vessel traffic services should be established and operated in a harmonized manner and in accordance with internationally approved guidelines.
- 3 The harmonization of vessel traffic services worldwide would be enhanced through adoption of an international framework for auditing and assessing VTS.

**CONSIDERING** the proposals of the Vessel Traffic Services Committee.

**ADOPTS** Recommendation R1013 on Auditing and Assessing Vessel Traffic Services.



**RECOMMENDS** that National members and competent authorities for vessel traffic services implement a formal system for auditing and assessing VTS as a means to ensure the harmonized delivery of VTS worldwide.

**INVITES** Members and competent authorities for vessel traffic services to implement the provisions of this Recommendation.

**REQUESTS** the Vessel Traffic Services Committee or such other committee as the Council may direct to keep this Recommendation under review and to propose amendments, as necessary.