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Proposals for revision of IALA Guideline 1054

PREPARING FOR A VOLUNTARY IMO AUDIT ON AIDS TO NAVIGATION SERVICE DELIVERY

# BACKGROUND

According to the task plan (2018-2022 )of the ARM Committee, the revision of IALA Guideline 1054 *PREPARING FOR A VOLUNTARY IMO AUDIT ON AIDS TO NAVIGATION SERVICE DELIVERY* (hereinafter referred to as the “Guideline”) will be completed at the 13th session of the Committee with an expected output to reflect change of the Member State Audit Scheme (IMSAS) status as well as including a checklist for auditors regarding AtoN and VTS to fulfil PAP37 action.

# discussion

2.1 In 2006, IALA developed the Guideline *1054 Preparing for a Voluntary IMO Audit on Aids to Navigation Service Delivery* on the basis of the IMO Resolution A.973 and Resolution A.974 with the purpose of providing assistance to both Member States who have volunteered to be audited and the auditors who work for IMO under the Voluntary IMO Member State Audit Scheme.

2.2 IMO Assembly decided to transit from the Voluntary IMO Member State Audit Scheme to the IMO Member State Audit Scheme (hereinafter referred to as the IMSAS) by the adoption of Resolution A.1068 (28) on the *TRANSITION FROM THE VOLUNTARY IMO MEMBER STATE AUDIT SCHEME TO THE IMO MEMBER STATE AUDIT SCHEME* at its twenty-eighth session in December 2013, which marking the establishment of an institutionalized IMO Member State audit scheme. Meanwhile, Resolution A.1070 (28) on the *IMO INSTRUMENTS IMPLEMENTATION CODE (III CODE)* and Resolution A.1067 (28) on the *FRAMEWORK AND PROCEDURES FOR THE IMO MEMBER STATE AUDIT SCHEME* were also adopted. The Resolution A.973 (24) had been revoked in 2007 and the provisions for the revocation of Resolution A.974 (24) were contained in Resolution A.1067 (28).

2.3 At the 93th session of the Maritime Safety Committee, Resolution MSC.366 (93) on 2014 *AMENDMENTS TO THE INTERNATIONAL CONVENTON FOR THE SAFETY OF LIFE AT SEA, 1974* was adopted in which a new chapter *XIII VERIFICATION OF COMPLIANCE* was added. It is stated in the amendments that every Contracting Government shall be subject to periodic audits by the IMO in accordance with the audit standard to verify their compliance with and implementation of the present Convention. With the amendments entering into force on 1 January 2016, the implementation of Resolution A.1070 (28) on III CODE were further enforced.

2.4 Considering there have been significant changes in the *COMMON AREAS* and *COASTAL STATES* of the III CODE, the Guideline no longer meets the requirements of IMO Member State Audit Scheme (IMSAS), especially the sections of Implementation, Enforcement, Evaluation and review. China Maritime Administration therefore believes that it is necessary to conduct a comprehensive revision of the Guideline to reflect changes of the IMSAS status, whilst better assist IALA Members in fulfilling its obligations according to the III Code and providing necessary assistance in the preparation of an IMO audit with respect to AtoN activities.

# Proposals

It is recommended to review the draft revision of the Guideline set out in the ANNEX, and forward the updated auditors’ checklist which was contained in ANNEX B to the PAP 40.

# Action requested to Committee

The ARM Committee is invited to consider the proposals in part 3, and take action as appropriate.