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LIAISON NOTE

Draft Guideline on Quality Control of AtoN Third Party Service Providers

# Introduction

Within the ENG work plan, task 1.2.1 is to *Develop Guidance on checking that 3rd party AtoN service providers are providing what they are obliged to provide– 3rd party AtoN service provider quality control*.

The background to this task was feedback from members that sometimes they did not receive goods or services that were, in their opinion, fit for service in the AtoN field. This new guideline, which will fit under IALA Recommendation R0132 Quality Management for Aids to Navigation Authorities, is intended to provide guidance to AtoN authorities and third party contractors on third party quality control.

# Action requested

The ARM committee is requested to:

1. Review the draft guideline and comment with any suggestions as to its content and format, and/or relevant examples in contracting out maintenance and repairs to AtoN and provide feedback to the ENG committee and the ENG intersessional working group for this task.