



**From:** VTS Committee

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**To:** ARM Committee

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## LIAISON NOTE

### Development of a guideline on quality management system for VTS

#### 1 INTRODUCTION

The VTS Committee commenced *Task 1.8.4 - Develop a guideline on quality management system for VTS* at VTS54 in September 2023 as part of its 2023-2027 work programme.

#### 2 DISCUSSION

At VTS52, the VTS committee received liaison note (VTS52-3.2.3) informing that the ARM Committee had revised Guideline 1052 on Quality Management Systems for Aids to Navigation Service Delivery to conform with changes in IMO resolutions and other developments. In the liaison note the ARM committee requested the VTS committee to review and give necessary comments to the draft Guideline 1052. Furthermore, the VTS Committee was requested to consider if Guideline 1052 was comprehensive enough to cover all aspects of AtoN Services, or if it might be necessary to develop separate guidelines under Recommendation R1032 on Quality Management Systems for VTS.

In the responding liaison note to the ARM committee (VTS52-13.1.1.1) the VTS committee stated the view that separate Guidelines for VTS and AtoN services should be prepared in association with Recommendation R0132 Quality Management Systems to ensure both services adequately reflect their respective international obligations. In the liaison note the VTS committee further informed the ARM committee that the development of a guideline on Quality Management System for VTS already had been proposed as a task to be commenced under the next work period of the VTS Committee. The VTS Committee thus noted that R0132 would need to be revised in the future to reflect the different international obligations and two associated guidelines when developed.

The task to develop a guideline on quality management system for VTS is now on the 2023 – 2027 work programme of the VTS committee and scheduled to be completed at VTS56 in September 2024.

#### 3 ACTION REQUESTED

1. The ARM committee is requested to note that the VTS committee has commenced the task to develop a guideline on quality management system for VTS scheduled to be completed at VTS56 in September 2024.
2. The ARM committee is further requested to acknowledge the need to revise Recommendation R0132 Quality Management Systems to reflect the guideline on quality management system for VTS when developed.