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| From: ARM committee | ARM21-11.2.8 |
| To: PAP, all committees |  |

LIAISON NOTE

Progress on MRN guidance and ownership

# INTRODUCTION

There have been discussions in ARM, DTEC and VTS on several aspects of the Maritime Resource Name (MRN) and the guidance on the topic and several Liaison notes and input documents were sent between the committees.

To address the input, an ARM-led inter-committee intersessional task group was established between the 2025 committee meetings. The report was sent as an input document to all committees at the 2nd half year 2025 sessions (ARM21-8.4.4).

At DTEC5, a liaison note (DTEC5-15.2.2) was sent to PAP, ARM and VTS on the ownership of the MRN tasks and documents. This liaison note was discussed in an online meeting with stakeholders from DTEC and ARM during ARM21.

# DISCUSSION

Following the suggestions from the task group and the discussion during the online session with DTEC during ARM21, the following decisions were made, in agreement between DTEC and ARM:

* The current guideline G1143 contains both generic guidance and IALA-specific guidance on the management of the IALA MRN namespace. The IALA-specific guidance will be taken out of G1143 and a new guideline will be created for the IALA-specific guidance.
* The current guideline G1164 addresses the application for an OID and contains instructions on the management of that. There are some parts though that are generic guidance and these will be transferred to G1143 or the new guideline.
* The suggestions from the task group were adopted by ARM21 WG2 and will be processed in the guidelines. This addresses the various input received during ARM19 and ARM20.
* The recommendation on MRN (R1023) is considered accurate and can remain as it is.
* There is a pending submission on the use of MRN to IMO (Reference Liaison Note DTEC3-11.2.1.2). This was not progressed as the guidelines on MRN should first be final. Furthermore, there is some confusion on the correct way to submit the documents to IMO. The IALA secretariat is aware of this and will provide proper instructions for the submission at a later time.

No decision has been made on the future ownership of the documents and tasks on MRN, as this is considered a decision to be made by PAP.

ARM WG2 has processed the input from the intersessional work and created rough drafts of the current guidelines and the proposed new guideline which are sent accompanying this Liaison note, for further work by the committee(s) responsible for the tasks and documents, pending the decision by PAP.

* Draft G1143 – Unique Identifiers for Maritime Resources – post ARM21
* Draft G1164 – Management of Maritime Resource Name Organisation Identifiers – post ARM21
* Draft Gxxxx – Management of the IALA MRN namespace – post ARM21

# ACTION REQUESTED

1. The Policy Advisory Board (PAP) is requested to reassign or reconfirm the ownership of the tasks and guidelines to the most appropriate committee(s). The ownership may differ per guideline.
2. The IALA secretariat is requested to forward the draft guidelines to the relevant committees for further work and finalisation, following the decision by PAP.