|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| From: VTS30 | VTS30/output/13 |
| To: ANM Committee | 18 September 2009 |

Liaison Note

Response to Requests for Information

# Introduction

Marine Electronic Highway (MEH) is a specific term that refers to the cooperative technical, administrative, operational and regulatory regime established in the Malacca Strait and operated jointly by Singapore, Indonesia and Malaysia. However, the term Marine Electronic Highway is gaining common use and is being applied to describe various systems engaged in vessel traffic management in other waterways and regions.

The IALA VTS Committee has been asked to recommend a generic term and a corresponding definition that reflects the concept of MEH. The new collective term should preserve the navigation safety focus and the “electronic” nature of the MEH, as well as its application of shoreside management of traffic across a wide region. The new term should allow for multinational cooperative efforts.

# Comments

The VTS Committee recommends:

1. Electronic Maritime Traffic Corridors
2. Electronically Enhanced Sea Routes
3. Electronically Enabled Sea Routes
4. Electronic Ship Routeing Measures
5. Marine Highway
6. Marine Electronic Corridor

To mean:

A designated waterway within which an authority or a multilateral body supports maritime traffic in the interest of safety and environmental protection through the use of sensors, tracking, monitoring, communications and information exchange, related to electronic chart display systems.

# Action requested

The Policy Advisory Panel is invited to note the above information.