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**IALA VTS Questionnaire**

The purpose of this questionnaire is to gather information on VTS, from the Competent and / or VTS Authorities, for use by IALA to assist with the production of IALA Guidelines, Recommendations, Manuals, and other publications. The aim of this questionnaire is to improve the efficiency, and the safe and secure operation of VTS(s) by harmonising service quality, training and operating procedures world-wide.

**National Competent Authority for VTS**

Name of organization: Click here to enter text.

Country: Click here to enter text.

**GENERAL**

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| **No** | **Question** | **Answer** | **Note** |
|  | Is your national government a signatory to:  a. Safety of Life at Sea (SOLAS) Convention, 1974?  b. Law of the Sea Convention (UNCLOS), 1982? | Yes  No  Yes  No |  |
|  | Is there national legislation for the appointment of Competent and / or VTS Authorities | Yes  No |  |
|  | Does the Competent Authority appoint the VTS Authorities? | Yes  No |  |
|  | How many approved VTS Authorities are there? | Number: |  |
|  | How many VTS Centres are there in your country? | Number: |  |
|  | How many VTS areas are there in your country?  (Not including sub-areas or sectors.) | Number: |  |
|  | What types of VTS do you have?  Coastal?  Port/Harbour?  Coastal & Port/Harbour?  Inland Waters (V-120?)  Port/Harbour & Inland Waters?  Other?  If ‘Other’ what type is it? | Number:  Number:  Number:  Number:  Number:  Number:  Click here to enter text. |  |
|  | How are relevant VTS information promulgated such as:   * IALA World VTS guide * ALRS * User Guides * Website * Others | Yes          Click here to enter text. |  |
|  | Does the VTS extend beyond the territorial seas? | Yes  No |  |
|  | Do you use the IALA VTS Manual?  If yes do you use the Book version  or the CD electronic version | Yes  No |  |

**TRAINING, PERSONNEL AND CERTIFICATION**

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|  |  |  | Note |
|  | Do you follow IALA Guideline No. 1014 on Accreditation and Approval Process for VTS Training? | Yes  No |  |
|  | Do you require a Training Management System (TMS) for VTS personnel training?[[1]](#footnote-1) | Yes  No |  |
|  | Does your TMS include mandatory examination and/or an assessment procedure? | Yes  No |  |
|  | Are organisations providing VTS training accredited according to Guideline 1014? | Yes  No |  |
|  | How many organisations accredited for VTS training do you have? | Number: |  |
|  | How many organisations accredited for VTS training use simulators? | Number: |  |
|  | Does your recruitment process require an aptitude assessment? | Yes  No |  |
|  | Do you require a previous maritime experience and education for VTS personnel? | Yes  No |  |
|  | Is the VTS personnel training consistent with Recommendation V-103 (Standards for Training and Certification of VTS Personnel)? | Yes  No |  |
|  | Do you require refresher training? | Yes  No |  |
|  | Do you require revalidation training? | Yes  No |  |
|  | Do you issue a Log Book for VTS personnel? | Yes  No |  |
|  | Do you regularly assess VTS personnel? | Yes  No |  |

**SERVICE QUALITY**

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|  |  |  | Note |
|  | Does Competent Authority use:   * a Quality Management System (QMS)? * a Safety Management System (SMS)? | Yes  No  Yes  No |  |
|  | Does VTS Authority use:   * a Quality Management System (QMS)? * a Safety Management System (SMS)? | Yes  No  Yes  No |  |
|  | Do you analyse accident statistics? | Yes  No |  |
|  | Do you analyse near miss statistics? | Yes  No |  |
|  | Are your VTS(s) documented operational procedures consistent with IALA Recommendation V-127 (Operational Procedures for VTS)? | Yes  No |  |
|  | Is your VTS(s) equipment consistent with IALA Recommendation V-128 (Operational and technical performance requirement for VTS equipment)? | Yes  No |  |
|  | Are the types of service delivered consistent with IALA Guideline 1089 (Provision of VTS types of service)? | Yes  No |  |
|  | Do you have any suggestion for how IALA can improve the VTS Manual, VTS Recommendations, VTS Guidelines and other publications with respect to VTS. |  |  |

**CATEGORIZATION CODE OF VTS (*see annex A*)**

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|  | Name of VTS | Type of VTS  (see question no 7) | Categorization Code |
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ANNEX A

Categorisation Coding

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| **1. Service Availability** | |
| X = 24 hours | |
| Y – Other, for example  Code Number | Explanation |
| 1 | 24 hours except holidays |
| 2 | 24 hours weekdays only |
| 3 | All others (between the hours specified) |

An entry of **Y3 (0900-1700)** indicates a service that is provided only between 0900 and 1700 daily.

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| **2. Traffic Image Generation** | |
| Indicated by **“T”** and code number from table | |
| **Code Number** | **Explanation** |
| 1 | Automatic Identification System (AIS) |
| 2 | Real Time Tracking |
| 3 | Radar |
| 4 | Closed Circuit Television (CCTV) |
| 5 | Visual |
| 6 | Radio Direction Finder (RDF) |
| 7 | VHF Radio Position Reporting |
| 8 | Satellite Position Reporting |
| 9 | Satellite Surveillance |

An entry of **T136** indicating that the service provided incorporates the following: AIS; RADAR, and RDF.

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| **3. VTS type of service** | |
| Information Service | Indicated by **INS** |
| Navigational Assistance Service | Indicated by **NAS** |
| Traffic Organisation Service | Indicated by **TOS** |

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| **4. Availability to Allied Services** |  |
| A service that includes information exchange with other VTS or allied services. | Indicated by **AS** |

Example of the Code:

“VTS/Y3(0900-1700)/T136/INS+TOS/AS”

This example describes a VTS that is available from 0900 to 1700 daily; that builds its traffic image using AIS, radar and RDF, that provides information and traffic organisation services, and has communications with other VTS or allied services.

1. If your answer is no skip to number ## [↑](#footnote-ref-1)