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| **From:** | ARM Committee | DTEC4-6.2.2.11 |
| **To:** | PAP and DTEC Committee |  |

**LIAISON NOTE**

**Review of Draft Guideline on Digitalisation of Waterways**

# introduction

This liaison note is in response to DTEC’s liaison note 11.2.2.9 on Draft Guideline on Digitalisation of Waterways.

# Discussion

The ARM committee appreciates the opportunity to review the early version of the guideline and commends the DTEC committee for their work regarding the digitalisation of waterways. Unfortunately, by the time the request had been received, the action plans for the week were set and the committee was unable to review at ARM19. Consequently, we have deferred a full review of the draft guideline to ARM20, when we look forward to providing feedback.

A cursory review of the document was conducted, however, and the ARM Committee has two initial concerns. First, section 7.4 appears to support new AtoN technology specifically designed to support autonomous vessels, which does not align with IALA’s position. Second, the document, in general, does not read as an IALA guideline. While the ideas expressed are interesting and have the potential to improve navigation safety in areas where autonomous vessels would be operating, the technologies do not currently exist.

# Action requested

The DTEC Committee is requested to:

1. note the discussion above; and
2. consider submitting a position paper regarding the information provided in section 7.4 of the draft guideline.