LIAISON NOTE TO AUSTRALIAN MARITIME SAFETY AUTHORITY

Review and update of IALA Recommendation V-103 on the Standards for Training and Certification of VTS Personnel

# INTRODUCTION

The VTS Committee reviewed the input paper (VTS43-10.2.10) provided by the Australian Maritime Safety Authority with respect to suggesting minor modifications to the revised version of IALA Recommendation V-103.

# DISCUSSION

The input paper made three suggestions which were all reviewed in depth by the VTS Committee.

*Incorporate a reference to blended learning* – the Committee was grateful for this suggestion and recognised the value of blended learning as one of a number of emerging training tools. The Committee has not included the definition within this revision of Recommendation V-103 but will consider the issue in greater depth as a part of a submission for the 2018-2022 work programme.

*Provide clarity to the use of the terms certification, accreditation and approval throughout the document* – the Committee has examined the definitions of the terms referred to and reviewed the Recommendation V-103 to provide greater clarity throughout.

*Provide greater flexibility to achieving the intent of section 2.2, principles with regards to the competence of personnel that occupy operational positions in a VTS Centre* – the Committee recognised the difficulties that VTS Authorities may face with respect to the availability of and access to IALA VTS Model Courses at Accredited Training Organisations and have made some minor modifications to section 2.2 of the Recommendation. It is proposed that a more comprehensive review of IALA Recommendation V-103 will be undertaken during the 2018-2022 work programme where consideration may be given to the provision of enhanced guidance with respect to the routes to achieving VTS qualification and certification.

# ACTION REQUESTED

The Australian Maritime Safety Authority is requested to note the contents of this document.