# R0119



**IALA RECOMMENDATION**

ESTABLISHMENT OF VTS

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**THE IALA COUNCIL**

## RECALLING:

1. The function of IALA with respect to safety of navigation, the efficiency of maritime transport and the protection of the environment.
2. Article 8 of the IALA Constitution regarding the authority, duties and functions of the Council.

## RECOGNISING:

1. That IALA Recommendation R0119 provides the framework to assist competent authorities and VTS authorities when arranging for the establishment of VTS.
2. IALA guidelines related to the establishment of VTS, include, but are not necessarily restricted to:

* Establishing, Planning and Implementing VTS (G1150);
* Establishment of a Vessel Traffic Service beyond territorial seas (G1071);
* Standard nomenclature to identify and refer to a VTS (1083); and
* The provision of Local Port Services other than VTS (G1142).

## NOTING:

1. That IALA fosters the safe, economic and efficient movement of vessels through improvement and harmonization of marine aids to navigation, including VTS, world-wide.
2. The International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea (SOLAS) 1974, Chapter V (Safety of Navigation), Regulation 12 provides for vessel traffic services and states, inter-alia, that:
   1. Vessel traffic services (VTS) contribute to safety of life at sea, safety and efficiency of navigation and protection of the marine environment, adjacent shore areas, work sites and offshore installations from possible adverse effects of maritime traffic.
   2. Contracting Governments undertake to arrange for the establishment of VTS where, in their opinion, the volume of traffic or the degree of risk justifies such services.
   3. Contracting Governments planning and implementing VTS shall, wherever possible, follow the guidelines developed by the Organization ((IMO Resolution A.857(20) on Guidelines for Vessel Traffic Services)).
3. IMO Resolution A.857(20) on Guidelines for Vessel Traffic Services recognizes, inter-alia, that:
4. The safety and efficiency of maritime traffic and the protection of the marine environment would be improved if vessel traffic services were established and operated in accordance with internationally approved guidelines.
5. The use of differing vessel traffic service procedures may cause confusion to masters of vessels moving from one vessel traffic service area to another.
6. The level of safety and efficiency in the movement of maritime traffic within an area covered by a

VTS would be improved by ensuring that VTS is implemented in a standardized way to ensure the delivery of harmonized operations.

**CONSIDERING** the proposals of the VTS Committee.

**ADOPTS** the Recommendation R0119 - Establishment of VTS.

**RECOMMENDS** that competent authorities and VTS authorities arrange for the establishment of VTS in a standardized and harmonized manner.

**INVITES** National Members and competent authorities for VTS to implement the provisions of the Recommendation and its associated guidelines when arranging for the establishment of VTS.

**REQUESTS** the IALA VTS Committee or other committees as the Council may direct, to keep this Recommendation under review and to propose amendments as necessary.

**REVOKES** IALA Recommendation R0119 (V-119) on the Implementation of Vessel Traffic Services Edition 3.0.