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| IALA Recommendation |

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Training and Certification of Vessel Traffic Service (VTS) Personnel

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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.
3. The provisions of IALA Standard S1050 on Training and Certification.

**NOTING:**

1. That IALA fosters the safe, economic and efficient movement of vessels through improvement and harmonization of Marine Aids to Navigation, including Vessel Traffic Services (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 planning and implementing VTS shall, wherever possible, follow the guidelines developed by the Organization International Maritime Organization (IMO) Resolution A.857(20) on Guidelines for Vessel Traffic Services).
3. That IMO Resolution A.857(20) on Guidelines for vessel traffic services states, inter-alia, that:
   1. 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.
   2. Contracting Government or Governments or the competent authority should:
      1. ensure that the VTS authority is provided with sufficient staff, appropriately qualified, suitably trained and capable of performing the tasks required;
      2. establish appropriate qualifications and training requirements for VTS operators; and
      3. ensure that provisions for the training of VTS operators are available.
4. That the IMO Maritime Safety Committee Circular (MSC.1/Circ.1065, as amended) invites Member States to bring the provisions for the training and certification of vessel traffic service personnel contained in IALA Recommendation R0103 (V-103) and its associated model courses to the attention of their competent authority, VTS authorities, VTS training organizations and any other parties concerned.
5. The 2010 Manila amendments to the annex to the International Convention on Standards for Training, Certification and Watchkeeping for Seafarers, 1978 (STCW) introduces references to VTS in the specification for the minimum standard of competence for officers in charge of a navigational watch, chief mates and masters (deck officers) related to navigation at both the operational and management levels.
6. The functions of the IALA World-Wide Academy with respect to providing capacity building assistance to competent authorities and VTS authorities in the implementation of VTS training.

**RECOGNISING:**

1. That IALA Recommendation R0103(V-103) provides the framework to assist competent authorities and VTS authorities recruit, train and assess VTS personnel to ensure the harmonised delivery of vessel traffic services world‐wide.
2. IALA Guidelines related to the training and certification of VTS personnel include, for example:
   1. Recruitment, training and assessment of Vessel Traffic Service personnel (GL GXXXX)
   2. Accreditation and approval process for VTS training (GL G1014)
   3. Simulation in VTS training (GL G1027)
   4. Train the trainer (GL G1103)
   5. Assessment of training for VTS (GL G1017)
   6. VTS training for Deck Officers (GL G1149)
3. IALA Model Courses related to the training of Vessel Traffic Service personnel, include, for example:
   1. Vessel Traffic Service Operator training (V-103/1)
   2. Vessel Traffic Service Supervisor training (V-103/2)
   3. Vessel Traffic Service On-the-Job training (V-103/3)
   4. Vessel Traffic Service On-the-Job Instructor (V-103/4)
   5. Revalidation process for Vessel Traffic Service Qualifications and Certification (V-103/5)

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

**ADOPTS** the Recommendation R0103(V-103) on the Training and Certification of Vessel Traffic Service (VTS) Personnel.

**RECOMMENDS** that competent authorities and VTS authorities implement and establish VTS training and certification in a standardised and harmonised manner in accordance with the guidelines and model courses developed by IALA.

**INVITES** National Members and competent authorities for VTS to implement the provisions of this Recommendation and its associated Guidelines and Model Courses on VTS training and certification.

**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 R0103(V-103) on the Standards for the Training and Certification of Vessel Traffic Service Personnel Edition 2.2.