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Review and update V-103 (R0103) and Model Courses

# Summary

A review of R0103 (V-103) was commenced at VTS46 and continued at VTS47. At VTS47 it was agreed that an intersessional session would be held via Go to Meeting to provide input on the update of IALA R0103, and the review of the association Guidelines and Model Courses.

Due to the global pandemic covid19, VTS48 was cancelled. In lieu of the formal meeting, the CG on the review of R0103 continued. Under the agreed work process the CG was provided with the reference number CG-02. Noting the previous work, the sessions of the correspondence group continued, resulting in a total of six (6) sessions of CG-02 on the review and update of V-103.

## Purpose of the document

This document provides an overview of the outcomes of the two GtM sessions held by an intersessional correspondence group (CG) on the review of R0103 and associated documentation.

Based on the maturity of the revised R0103 and supporting draft G-#### following the correspondence group sessions, it is anticipated that these documents will be presented for final approval at VTS49 to be forwarded to IALA Council for the December 2020 meeting.

## Related documents

VTS49-10.3.5.1 - Draft Revised Recommendation R0103

VTS49-10.3.5.2 Draft G-#### (previous the annex of R0103, content unchanged)

Final Report - R0103 Review CG01

Draft Report – R0103 Review CG02.

Outcomes of IALA (Virtual) VTS Training Workshop

# Background

During the IALA VTS Symposium in Rotterdam, 1996, IALA accepted a challenge from the floor of the Symposium to address the need for common, standardised training for VTS Personnel. In 1999 the first edition of the IALA Recommendation V-103 Standards for Training and Certification of VTS Personnel was approved by IALA Council. A review of V-103 was carried out in 2009 and has remained broadly unchanged since that time. Now called R0103, the recommendation 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.

This activity is in support of Task 3.3.1 of the IALA VTS Committee - Review and update of Recommendation R0103 on the Standards for Training and Certification of VTS Personnel and associated Model Courses.

# Discussion

The intersessional correspondence group for the review of R0103 met twice in the period between VTS47 and VTS48 via GoToMeeting. The chair for the correspondence group was Jillian Carson-Jackson, supported by Kevin Gregory of the IALA Secretariat.

* R0103 Review CG01 was held on 16 December 2019, with 8 persons attending from 7 organisations.
* R0103 Review CG02 was held on 4 February 2020, with 10 persons attending from 7 organisations.

The Correspondence group reference was amended by document ‘Action plan on VTS tasks to VTS49’ circulated by IALA on 23 March 2020. This saw the Correspondence Group reference amended to CG-02.

CG-02 continued the work carried out in advance of VTS48, holding a further 4 sessions focused on the detailed review of the revise R0103 and the new associated Guideline. Attendance at the sessions remained between 8-10 persons from 7 organisations. The sessions were held on: CG02-03 – 8 April 2020; CG02-04 – 20 May 2020; CG02-05 – 9 June 2020 and CG02-06 – 23 June 2020.

## Activities

The R0103 Review CG identified key activities to be taken in the review of the parent document R0103 and the supporting Guidelines and Model Courses.

The CG:

* split the current R0103 into a new Recommendation and Guideline.
* reviewed the content of the split R0103 to ensure that it provides clear direction to all those involved in VTS education and training.
* Identified the approach to gather input on the current V-103/1 model course review.
* prepared a report on the work of the CG for submission to VTS48.

following cancellation of VTS48 the CG:

* reviewed in detail the revised R0103.
* reviewed in detail the draft new guideline to support R0103.
* identified input and support for virtual workshop on VTS training to provide input to the review of model course V-103/1

In the review of R0103 the possibility to merge R0103 with the AtoN training recommendation R014 was considered. The CG concluded that IALA Recommendation R0103 and R0141 should not be merged at this time, noting that both remain as separate documents under IALA S1050

The revised R0103 and supporting draft G-### are provided as input to VTS49.

## Comments on revised R0103

The review of R0103 included:

* Amending the title
* Clarifying the text to reflect the focus of the recommendation, which included removing text around the STCW to be included in a new recommendation on AtoN and VTS awareness for ships officers
* Retaining reference to the existing IMO Resolution A.857(20), noting this will need revision once the new resolution is adopted
* Referencing the new Guideline on Recruitment, Training and Assessment of VTS Personnel (G-####)

## Comments on G-####

The current annex of R0103 was prepared as G-####. Discussion on the approach taken within the previous annex to R0103 concluded that:

* it would be beneficial to provide flexibility in the training program, which may include an optional phased approach to on-the-job training (OJT);
* the revision of the new Guideline should support R0103 and clearly identify the scope and objective of each model course.
* the terminology used for the VTS training courses be revisited, noting the current terminology for V-103/2 as ‘VTS Supervisor’ training however some VTS Authorities may have a requirement for advance VTS training, but may not use the designation of VTS Supervisor.

## Review of V-103/1 Model Course

It was agreed that Model Course V-103/1 (VTS Operators) would be reviewed in detail. The CG noted that the current curriculum within Model Course V-103/1 has been subject to detailed development and many years of implementation. The CG considered that a suitable approach would be to use the current version as the basis to determine what content may be added, reviewed or removed as appropriate. Discussion highlighted:

* the current version provides a basis for the review;
* requirements for qualification and training continue to be clearly defined
* the review address options for different approaches to what may be required for personnel to perform the role of the VTS Operator.

Following the cancellation of the VTS Training Workshop, which was scheduled to be held in conjunction with the VTS-ENAV Symposium, the CG supported IALA WWA in the provision of a virtual workshop which gathered input on the review of Model Course V-103/1. The results of the workshop are provided in VTS49-10.3.4.

# Action requested of the Committee

The Committee is requested to:

1. note the outcomes of the R0103 Review Correspondence Group;
2. provide comments on the draft revised R0103 and draft G-#### in advance of VTS49;
3. participate as may be possible during the discussions on the review of R0103 and supporting G-#### during sessions planned for VTS49 (note – WG3 schedule for the discussions on 24 September, 2020, from 1000-1200 CEST)
4. note the intention to present these documents for approval by VTS49

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