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Revision of Guideline G1141

# Summary

Following the cancellation of VTS48 in March 2020, several correspondence groups were established to progress key tasks for consideration at VTS49. Correspondence Group 3 (CG3) was established to progress task 1.2.1, Review and Update Recommendation V-127 and Associated Guideline.

Acknowledging that the committee already had split V-127 in to Recommendation R0127 and Guideline G1141, it was determined that the focus of the correspondence group (CG) would be to complete a review and update of draft Guideline G1141.

CG3 has completed its review and provides a revised version of Guideline G1141-Operational Procedures for Delivering VTS, as an input paper to VTS49 for the committee’s consideration.

## Purpose of the document

The purpose of this document is to introduce the draft revisions of *Guideline 1141 – Operational Procedures for Delivering VTS* (*VTS49-8.2.7.1*) for the committee’s consideration.

# introduction

In commencing task 1.2.1, Review and Update V-127 on Operational Procedures for Vessel Traffic Services, the committee had in previous sessions split the existing Recommendation into:

* A new Recommendation on VTS Operations (R0127); and
* An associated Guideline on Operational Procedures for Delivering VTS (G1141).

This aligned the documentation to the new IALA documents structure where:

* Recommendations specify what practices shall be carried out in order to comply with that Recommendation; and
* Guidelines describe how to implement practices specified in a Recommendation.

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The CG met on four occasions via teleconference and the reports from each meeting are available on the IALA files share under VTS – CG3-Review R0127 + G1141 (WG1).

# Discussion

Noting that the review and update of Recommendation V-127 is a task assigned to the IALA VTS Committee in the 2018 – 2022 work programme (task 1.2.1), CG 3 reviewed the task as described in the register and identified and recognised the progress made by the committee at VTS47. Acknowledging that the committee already had split V-127 in to Recommendation R-0127 and Guideline G1141, it was determined that the focus of the CG would be to complete a review and update of draft guideline G1141 and provide it as an input documents to IALA VTS 49.

It was highlighted that the VTS committee already had commenced such a review and that draft Guideline G1141 thus was considered to be a rather mature working document.

The CG agreed on the following key issues for the review:

• G1141 should reflect new and amended IALA documentation since the existing version was approved in 2011.

• G1141 should reflect the revised IMO Resolution A.857(20).

• Additional components could be included in G1141 if considered appropriate by the CG.

In general it was decided to retain the structure of the guideline, divided into internal and external procedures. The CG focused to harmonize the text of draft G1141 to the revised IMO Resolution A.857(20) and other relevant IALA guidelines. In addition, proposals for new operational subjects were adopted and included in the draft guideline. A proposal for a minor title change into “OPERATIONAL PROCEDURES FOR DELIVERING VTS” gained support within the CG and was kept as the working title for the revised guideline.

The group was of the opinion that it would be beneficial to add two new sub-chapters under chapter 1, Introduction. This to describe the objective (chapter 1.1) and the scope (chapter 2.1) of the guideline.

To further harmonize G1141 with the revised IMO Resolution A.857(20) the group agreed to closer review the structure of chapter 3.1 Routine Procedures, especially considering the main purposes described in chapter 3.1 of the revised resolution.

It was decided to use the term authority (VTS authority) throughout the document, leaving it up to the IALA secretariat to change this term to provider (VTS provider) when the revised IMO Resolution A.857 come into force. Furthermore, the group encourage the IALA secretariat to find a harmonized approach to how IALA guidelines refers to other IALA guidelines or documents, e.g “IALA guideline G1089, Provision of VTS, refers”.

At its fourth meeting, the CG completed the review of G1141 by making a number of small editorial corrections to harmonise the text in the different chapters of the draft guideline.

A copy of the draft revision of G1141 is at *VTS49-8.2.7.1*.

# Action requested of the Committee

The Committee is requested to:

Consider the draft revision of Guideline G1141 prepared by Correspondence Group 3 with a view to forwarding the revisions to Council for approval.

ENCLOSUREs:

* + - 1. Draft revision of IALA Guideline G1141 (*VTS49-8.2.7.1).*

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