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Report of the Intersessional task group activity on Task 3.8.8 – VTS English Language Competency TEST

# Summary

The IALA VTS Committee has been tasked with offering guidelines that assist authorities, training institutions, and other stakeholders in establishing a framework for evaluating VTS personnel’s competency in using standardized message structures and phrases in VTS communication, consistent with IMO SMCP and IALA G 1132.

## Purpose of the document

To brief the participants of VTS55 on the progress that was made on the development of a draft Guideline on English Language Competency Assessment for VTS Personnel.

## Related documents

* IALA G1089 Provision of a VTS
* IALA G1132 VTS Voice Communications and Phraseology
* IALA G1141 Operational Procedures for Delivering VTS
* IMO A.918(22) Standard Maritime Communication Phrases
* IMO A.954(23) Proper Use of VHF Channels at Sea
* ITU publication Radio Regulations Volume 1 (2020) Chapter VII. [6] Operational Procedures: Reference to and ITU Radio Regulations.

# These guiding principles will be reviewed Discussion

The Task Group met a number of times between VTS54 and VTS55. The ITG progressed the draft guideline for continuing discussion at VTS55. As a guiding principle, the following points were noted for the review:

* Development of a competency test (e.g., The length of test, number of questions, question difficulty, test methods, and test topics)
* Establishment of evaluation framework (e.g., rating scale, and evaluation criteria)
* Assessment process (e.g., composition and qualification of test developer/raters, a procedure for endorsing licences to indicate the holders’ language proficiency level, and validity period of the examination (expiration date))
* Record maintenance (e.g., storage and security of test data)
* Other considerations (e.g., legal implication arising from the test, and testing environment (sound-proof facility))

These guiding principles will be reviewed and revised at VTS55. In addition, the wording of the task was reviewed and revised for further consideration at VTS55.

# Action requested of the Committee

The Committee is requested to:

1. note the draft guideline on Task 3.8.8 – VTS English Language Competency Test;
2. note the proposed revision of the wording of Task 3.8.8;
3. provide input on the draft guideline and revised wording of Task 3.8.8 to VTS55.

# attachment

* VTS55-10.1.4.1 Draft Guideline on Task 3.8.8: VTS English Language Competency Test
* VTS55-10.1.4.2 Proposed revision to task register - Task 3.8.8

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