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Technical Domain / Task Number 2 Task 3.8.7c – Review of IALA Model Course C0103-5

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Review of C0103-5 – The Revalidation process for VTS Qualifications and Certification

# Summary

## Purpose of the document

To brief the participants of VTS56 on the formal commencement of the review of C0103-5, noting that this is the final element to be reviewed in the activity to review and revise all VTS Training related documents.

## Related documents

VTS56-10.1.X.X Draft Revision of C0103-5

# Background

The review of all IALA Documents related to VTS training commenced in 2017. The final element to be reviewed is Model Course C0103-5. In anticipation of the review, at VTS 54 a discussion session was held on the status of C0103-5, and considerations for its review.

The outcomes of this discussion are presented in this input paper. A proposed working document for the review is provided in the annex.

# Discussion

At VTS 55 a general discussion was held on considerations for the review of C0103-5. The session included a ‘SWOT’ approach, took into account the review of the other IALA documents related to VTS training as well as the IMO Resolution A.1158(32).

It was noted that the document suited the environment ‘at the time’ but did not consider different positions in VTS. The outcomes of the ‘SWOT’ are presented in Table 1.

# References

1. C0103-5 – The revalidation process for VTS qualification and certification (V103.5) Ed 1 June 2016
2. C0103-5 ‘SWOT’ Discussion results

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| **Strengths**  Review timing with the other courses now completed  Development of related documents, including implementation of VTS, role of competent authority and greater focus on maintaining competence  Use of simulation training  Remote training opportunities  Focus on Continuing Professional Development (CPD)  Not just a one-off ‘course’ but a process | **Weaknesses**  Does not reflect different positions – i.e. does a Supervisor need to maintain a VTSO qualification? Are VTS Supervisor skills identified for recurrent training?  Confusing terminology from a model course perspective – Revalidation (process), Recurrent, Adaptation, Updating training (should there be separate courses?)  Determining length for the course (current document has no clear guidance as a ‘model course’)  Current course Annex ‘timings’ difficult from an educational perspective; specific reference to ‘pages’ for theory update |
| **Opportunities**  Update to reflect the revised IMO Resolution  Include all VTS personnel (recognise different roles)  Develop a ‘standard’ approach that can be adapted nationally, with option for port specific elements  Focus for Recurrent training content based on C0103-1 (as revised)  Review the recommended timing for recurrent training / Opportunity to include annual proficiency checks  Periodic assessment of knowledge / level of assessment for competence (based on position level?)  Clarify terminology in the current model course  Determine if additional model courses required / focus guideline (or if existing text in G1156 is sufficient)  Reflect developments in remote training / simulation training / micro-learning options  Consider alternative pathways | **Threats (Challenges)**  VTS Providers have difficulties backfilling positions to release personnel for recurrent training  Link of training with enterprise agreements  Existing training programs in place / need to update as C0103-5 is revised  Access to training from training providers |

# Action requested of the Committee

The Committee is requested to:

1. Note the results of the initial discussion for the revision of C0103-5
2. Join WG3 in the sessions allocated to task 3.8.7c during VTS56

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