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Proposal for new subtask under task 2.5.2 on Service Specification for VTS Information Service

# Summary

This input paper includes a proposal to initiate the technical specification work for VTS Information Services. To expedite the possible specification work, Fintraffic VTS has developed a candidate for a draft specification for such a technical service. The Fintraffic’s draft is shared with the Committee as annex.

## Purpose of the document

Fintraffic VTS proposes starting development of new technical service specification for VST Information functions based on the use cases and requirements from Operational Working Group. Furthermore, this input is used to share an early draft Service Specification for VTS Information Services. If Committee finds it useful, this draft version could be used as basis to develop a version for testing as stated out in Chapter 4.

## Related documents

IALA G1128 “The Specification of e-Navigation Technical Services”, version 1.6

VTS57-12.5.1.2 WP Draft guideline on Develop guidance on VTS digital communications

VTS57-12.5.1.3 WP VTS digital communications annex

Output from VTS WG1 Task Group 1.3.1 Intersessional in Malmö, Sweden 1.-2.7.2025

# Background

Technical Working Group (WG2) has been working under tasks 2.5.2 and 2.8.1 on technical service specifications based on the functions and use cases that Operational Working Group (WG1) has defined. One of the functional areas that has not yet been covered is VTS Information functions. WG1 held a Pre VTS58 Intersessional Meeting in Malmö 1.-2.7.2025 where it developed further use cases for VTS Information services. The technical services supporting VTS Information functions that WG1 has identified can be considered as one of the most needed missing pieces from VTS technical services. Next logical step after Route Exchange Service could be development of VTS Information services.

# Action requested of the Committee

**The Committee** is requested to:

1. Consider initiating and scheduling a new subtask 2.5.2.e “Develop Technical Service Specification for VTS Information Service”
2. Review the proposed service specification draft (Annex A). If the Committee finds it appropriate, take Annex A as a working paper for the Service Specification of VTS Information service to be developed in technical working group.

Annex A

ANNEX A - Draft Service Specification for VTS Information service 0.1

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