

From: VTS Committee

To: IALA Council

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LIAISON NOTE

Draft submission to the IMO Maritime Safety Committee concerning an update of MSC Circular 1065

1 INTRODUCTION

This document provides draft updates to IMO MSC/Circ.1065 on the IALA Standards for training and certification of Vessel Traffic Service (VTS) personnel.

1.1 Related documents

IMO Resolution A.857(20), MSC/Circ.1065 and IALA Model Course V-103/5 on the revalidation process for VTS Qualification and Certification.

Input paper C64-11.3.4.1.

2 DISCUSSION

Following the publication in June 2016 of IALA Model Course V-103/5 on the revalidation process for VTS qualification and certification it is necessary to update the IMO Maritime Safety Committee Circular MSC/Circ.1065. This paper provides a draft submission for the 99th session of the Maritime Safety Committee which sets out the background to the circular along with an associated discussion on the required updates to the circular.

The draft revisions were prepared following the receipt of informal advice from the IMO Secretariat and represent only minor changes to the content of MSC/Circ.1065. The MSC input paper sets the scene for the continued requirement for the circular and provides background information on IALA Model Course V-103/5 and its relationship to IALA Recommendation V-103, IMO Resolution A.857(20), and the STCW Convention. Changes have been proposed to the general structure of the circular to reduce the level of repetition and enhance the readability, usability and impact of the circular.

3 ACTION REQUESTED

The IALA Council is requested to **approve** the draft IMO MSC input paper and associated amendments to MSC/Circ.1065 for submission to the IMO Maritime Safety Committee as appropriate.

After approval the IALA Secretariat is requested to submit the proposed input paper to IMO.