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SUMMARY

Executive summary: This document provides draft updates to MSC/Circ.1065 on the *IALA Standards for training and certification of Vessel Traffic Service (VTS) personnel* following the publication of IALA Model Course V-103/5 on the revalidation process for VTS qualification and certification.

Strategic direction:

High-level action:

Output:

Action to be taken:

Related documents:

Background

1 Recalling that the 1995 Conference of Parties to the International Convention on Standards of Training, Certification and Watchkeeping for Seafarers (as amended) adopted resolution 10, which invited the Organization to consider developing provisions covering, *inter alia*, the training and certification of vessel traffic service personnel, the Maritime Safety Committee at its seventy-second session (17 to 26 May 2000) approved MSC/Circ.952 on IALA standards for the training and certification of vessel traffic service (VTS) personnel.

2 This circular brought to the attention of VTS authorities, training institutes and other parties concerned, IALA Recommendation V-103 on the standards for training and certification of VTS personnel and its associated model courses. This recommendation and its associated model courses complement the guidance on the recruitment, qualification and training of VTS personnel contained within resolution A.857(20) on guidelines for vessel traffic services.

3 MSC/Circ.952 was subsequently amended by the Maritime Safety Committee at its seventy-seventh session (2 to 13 December 2002) where it approved MSC/Circ.1065 following the publication of an additional model course.

4 Since the adoption of MSC/Circ.1065, IALA has published a further model course, V-103/5 on the revalidation process for VTS qualification and certification in June 2016. This document presents draft updates to MSC/Circ.1065 to incorporate the newly published model course.

Discussion

5 Resolution A.857(20) states that once suitably qualified and trained VTSO's are performing on the job, their performance must be observed and monitored to ensure that it continues to meet the established standards. In addition to encompassing the monitoring of VTSO performance, IALA model course V-103/5 also encompasses the definition of refresher training contained within resolution A.857(20) by ensuring that training is carried out to maintain a certain level of performance and skills in areas of knowledge which are infrequently used and where the consequence of non-performance is great.

6 IALA model course V-103/5 on the revalidation process for VTS qualification and certification provides guidance to competent authorities, accredited VTS training organisations and VTS authorities on how to maintain and improve the quality of performance of their VTS operators, by means of training, in order to enable the revalidation of VTS qualification and certification.

7 The revalidation of a VTS qualification may be required in a variety of situations. Within IALA model course V-103/5, these situations are described together with the most appropriate course of action for the revalidation of a VTS qualification. IALA model course V-103/5 describes three situations where the revalidation of a VTS qualification may be required:

- .1 The VTS qualification or VTS certification log is approaching its expiry date – this is Recurrent Training under IALA model course V-103/5,
- .2 There are changes to the physical environment of the VTS or the tasks of the VTSO which necessitate additional training – this is Adaptation Training under IALA model course V-103/5,
- .3 There is a break in service, unsatisfactory performance or other circumstances leading to a reduced level of competence – this is Updating Training under IALA model Course V-103/5.

8 The draft amendments to MSC/Circ.1065 incorporate IALA model course V-103/5 and propose some minor modifications to the general structure of the circular to reduce the level of repetition and enhance its general readability and utility to all parties involved in the provision of vessel traffic services.

Action requested of the Committee

9 The Committee is requested to consider the draft amendments to MSC/Circ.1065 contained in the annex to this document, and take action as appropriate.

ANNEX

PROPOSED UPDATES TO MSC/CIRC.1065(Shown as insertions/deletions)**IALA STANDARDS FOR TRAINING AND CERTIFICATION OF VESSEL TRAFFIC SERVICE (VTS) PERSONNEL**

1 The Maritime Safety Committee, at its ~~seventy-second session~~ (17 to 26 May 2000) ~~ninety ninth-session~~ (~~dd to dd mmmm~~ 2018), recalled that the 1995 Conference of Parties to the International Convention on Standards of Training, Certification and Watchkeeping for Seafarers (as amended) had adopted resolution 10, which invited the Organization to consider developing provisions covering *inter alia* the training and certification of vessel traffic service personnel.

2 The Committee also recalled resolution A.857(20) on Guidelines for vessel traffic services, which includes guidelines on the recruitment, qualifications and training of VTS operators, and ~~having noted the development by IALA of Recommendation V-103 on the standards for training and certification of VTS personnel and its associated model courses,~~ ~~approved MSC/Circ.952 inviting Member Governments, pending the development, by the Organization, of additional provisions covering the training and certification of vessel traffic service personnel, to bring the IALA Recommendation and model courses to the attention of their VTS authorities to use when considering the training and certification of VTS personnel.~~

3 Since the adoption by the Committee of MSC/Circ.952 at its seventy-second session (17 to 26 May 2000) which was subsequently superseded by MSC/Circ.1065 at its seventy-sixth session (2 to 13 December 2002) related to IALA standards for training and certification of vessel traffic service (VTS) personnel, the ~~package~~ range of model courses has been ~~completed~~ expanded and the following model courses have now been published:

- Model Course V-103/1 VTS Operator
- Model Course V-103/2 VTS Supervisor
- Model Course V-103/3 On-the-Job Training
- Model Course V-103/4 VTS On-the-Job Training Instructor
- Model Course V-103/5 Revalidation process for VTS Qualification and Certification

4 Member Governments are invited to bring the ~~IALA model courses~~ contents of this circular and the provisions for the training and certification of vessel traffic service personnel contained IALA Recommendation V-103 and its associated model courses to the attention of their competent authority for VTS, VTS authorities, VTS training institutes, organisations and any other parties concerned.

5 This circular supersedes MSC/Circ.1065.