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LIAISON NOTE

3rd party AtoN provider quality control

# Introduction

Task 1.2.1 “Develop Guidance on checking that 3rd party AtoN providers are providing what they are obliged to provide – 3rd party AtoN provider quality control. (Joint ARM cooperation)” is part of the ENG Committees 2018-2022 Work programme. The new guideline should cover 3rd party aspects in addition to the existing guideline G1052 (Quality management systems for aids to navigation service delivery).

# Discussion

## 3rd party aspects in IALA documents and international standards

G1052 [1] is the most relevant IALA document on Quality Management. Third party aspects are mentioned in other IALA documents, e.g. Guideline G1004 on Level of Service [2], Guideline 1005 Contracting out Aids to Navigation Services [3] / SOLAS and NavGuide [4][5]. Some of these documents refer to G1052.

Furthermore International Standards include content on externally provided products and services e.g. [6]. These should be referenced in IALA documents where suitable. Larger sections should not be copied.

# References

1. [Guideline 1052 Quality Management Systems for AtoN Service Delivery](https://www.iala-aism.org/product/quality-management-systems-for-aton-service-delivery-1052) (ANM 2013)

1. [Guideline G1004 on Level of Service (ARM 2017)](https://www.iala-aism.org/product/levels-of-service-1004), Chapter 6.1 Responsibility
2. [Guideline 1005 Contracting out Aids to Navigation Services (ANM 2005)](https://www.iala-aism.org/product/contracting-out-aids-to-navigation-services-1005)

1. [NavGuide (2018)](https://www.iala-aism.org/product/iala-navguide-2018-digital-copy) chapter 8.8.2 Contracting out (page 149)

1. [NavGuide (2018)](https://www.iala-aism.org/product/iala-navguide-2018-digital-copy) chapter 8.10.2 third party access to marine aids to navigation sites (page 153)
2. DIN EN ISO 17025:2018-03, General requirements for the competence of testing and calibration laboratories, chapter 6.6

# Action requested

The Committee is requested to:

1. The members of the ARM Committee are requested to provide information and examples on the management of 3rd party AtoN provider quality providers to inform Task 1.2.1.