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LIAISON NOTE

on Mobile AtoNs (MAtoN’s)

# INTRODUCTION

The VTS Committee was requested to respond on the documents from ARM Committee relating to Mobile AtoN:

* VTS44-3.3.1 (ARM6-12.1.13) Liaison note to VTS on MAtoN
* VTS44-3.3.2 (ARM6-12.1.23) Liaison ARM to all Committees on mobile AtoN
* ARM6-12.2.6 Draft IALA Recommendation on Mobile Aids to Navigation (MAtoN)
* ARM6-12.2.7 Draft IALA Guideline on Use of Mobile AtoN

# DISCUSSION

In the light of the request the VTS Committee during its 44th meeting in September 2017 (VTS44) reviewed the ongoing work of both the IALA Recommendation on Mobile Aids to Navigation (MAtoN) and IALA Guideline on Use of Mobile ATON.

A new recommendation was inserted in the draft Recommendation as well as a new section (3.3. MAtoNs within a VTS area) in the draft Guideline. The Committee also believes that the Guideline would benefit from further clarifications and explanations for example as regards section 3.2 on Promulgation.

The Committee was also requested by ARM Committee to consider any innovative solutions which may provide for the new requirement and advise the ARM committee accordingly. Regrettably no proposals were made by the members of the VTS Committee.

# ACTION REQUESTED

The ARM committee is requested to consider the comments of the VTS Committee above and the proposals in the enclosed annexes and take action as appropriate.

* Annex 1 - Recommendation on Mobile Aids to Navigation (MAtoN) (VTS44-12.1.14)
* Annex 2 - Guideline on Use of Mobile AtoN (VTS44-12.1.15)