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Report from intersessional group revising G1014

# Summary

The Committee commenced work on *Task 3.4.1 - Review and Update IALA Guideline 1014 on the Accreditation and Approval Process for VTS Training* at VTS49. At VTS49 it was concluded that a correspondence would be formed (TG3.4.1) to progress the revision and a copy is available at *VTS50-11.4.2.1*.

## Purpose of the document

The purpose of this document is to introduce the draft revision of the proposed guidance for the Committees consideration.

# introduction

At VTS49 committee participants were invited to join the intersessional group to revise IALA Guideline 1014. The intersessional group met on the 27 January and 3 February 2021.

# Discussion

At VTS49, it was concluded that the processes of ‘accreditation’ and ‘approval’ were not clearly articulated in the existing guideline and the working paper completed (VTS49- WP 12.2.3.2) which reflected the:

* Review/update of the contents associated with accreditation of VTS training organisations and approval to delivery IALA model courses; and
* Re-structuring on the document to provide greater clarity.

The correspondence group was tasked with progressing the working paper (VTS49- WP 12.2.3.2) intersessionally. Key outcomes include:

* Completing the restructure of the document commenced at VTS49.
* Revised/updated the contents to clearly describe the processes associated with accreditation and approval.
* Revised/updated ‘Document Purpose”.
* In reviewing the draft document, it was concluded that consideration be given to amending the title to “*Accreditation of VTS training organisations and approval to deliver IALA model courses”.*

The Group also noted that the scope of this task (refer to the Task Register) states that consideration be given to the possibility of adopting a generic guideline for both VTS and AtoN training, with a view to merging guidelines G1014 and G1100. Noting there are only two meetings remaining in the current work programme the group considered there is insufficient time for the Committee to effectively engage with ENG in such a process and concluded that:

* The review of G1014 should be finalised as soon as possible to clarify the existing confusion regarding the ‘accreditation’ and ‘approval’ and assist competent authorities in demonstrating conformance with IALA Standards 1010 and 1050.
* Consideration could be given to exploring a merge of G1014 and G1100 during the next work programme in consultation with ENG. This should also include identifying the possible benefits and any issues relating to the obligations in SOLAS Chapter V Regulations 12 and 13 and associated IMO resolutions.

# Action requested of the Committee

The Committee is requested to:

1. Consider the draft revision to *G1014 on Accreditation of VTS training organisations and approval to deliver IALA model courses* (VTS50-11.4.2.1) prepared by the intersessional correspondence group.
2. Explore the option to merge G1014 and G1100 during the next work programme in consultation with ENG.

ENCLOSUREs:

1. *VTS50-11.4.2.1 – Task 3.4.1 DRAFT Revision of G1014 (3 Feb)*

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