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Update to IALA Recommendation V-120 – VTS in Inland Waters

# Summary

Task Group 1.1.1.2 has recommended [1] that the committee consider the need to review IALA Recommendation V-120 – VTS in Inland Waters [2] and to transpose it onto a guideline.

This paper submits a draft for consideration and as a basis for the update to IALA Recommendation V-120 – VTS in Inland Waters and for its transposition into a guideline.

# Background

IALA Recommendation V-120 – VTS in Inland Waterways was originally issued as a recommendation in 2001 but the main content is in the form of a guideline. Currently it cuts and pastes bits from various other IALA guidelines and recommendations and sets them out without addressing the most significant issue of the applicability of IALA documentation to a VTS in internal waters. As a result, this document was outside the scope of Task 1.1.1.2 and could not be aligned with the new IMO Resolution providing an updated guideline on vessel traffic services.

# Discussion

TG 1.1.1.2 considered that any update did not need to copy parts of other IALA documents but simply to identify that, because vessels in inland waters may also operate beyond inland waters into coastal and port/harbour areas, there is considerable benefit in such control being harmonised globally and should follow IALA guidance for all VTSs established in coastal and port/harbour areas. The document only needed to set out the relevant references and identify areas where VTS in inland waters may differ. The document is currently a recommendation and yet the content is mainly in the form of a guideline and referred to as such. In updating V-120, it should be transposed into a guideline. It is submitted that no additional recommendation would be required and that reference to it as a guideline could be incorporated comfortably within recommendation R0127 – VTS Operations [3], which is currently being updated. It is recommended that a link to this document as a new guideline be incorporated in recommendation R0127.

# References

1. VTS50-9.1.3 – Update to IALA VTS Documentation on Adoption of Revised IMO Resolution on Vessel Traffic Services.
2. IALA Recommendation V-120 – VTS in Inland Waters.
3. R0127 – VTS Operations.

# Action requested of the Committee

The Committee is requested to:

1. Consider the enclosed draft guideline Gxxxx – VTS in Internal Waters as a basis for the update to IALA Recommendation V-120 – VTS in Inland Waters.
2. Consider the inclusion of a reference to this new guideline in R0127 – VTS Operations.

# Enclosure

1. Draft Gxxxx – VTS in Internal Waters.

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