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| To: ARM Committee |  |

LIAISON NOTE

NAVGUIDE – VTS section

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# Introduction

The ARM Committee is revising the IALA NAVGUIDE, to be issued in 2022. Input has been sought for the VTS section of the NAVGUIDE.

# Comments

The VTS Committee reviewed the existing Chapter 5, VTS, of the IALA NAVGUIDE. Noting the recent publication of the VTS Manual (2021) and the revised approach for updating the VTS Manual, it was considered that the section on VTS in the NAVGUIDE should be to direct the reader to the VTS Manual.

As such, the proposed input on VTS for the IALA NAVGUIDE was revised, as provided in the Annex to this liaison note.

# Action requested

The committee is requested to:

1. Note the proposed section on VTS for the 2022 edition of the IALA NAVGUIDE.
2. Proposed section on VTS for the IALA NAVGUIDE (2022 edition)

Vessel Traffic Services

Safety of Life at Sea (SOLAS) Chapter V, Regulation 12 (Vessel Traffic Services) states that Vessel Traffic Services (VTS) contribute to safety of life at sea, safety and efficiency of navigation and protection of the marine environment, adjacent shore areas, work sites and offshore installations from possible adverse effects of maritime traffic.

Further information on VTS is provided in the IALA VTS Manual. This manual is acknowledged by the VTS community as being the most comprehensive guide to VTS as well as a point of reference for further detailed study.

In particular, the Manual provides guidance on:

* The regulatory and legal framework for implementing and operating VTS.
* The obligations of Contracting Governments and Flag States.
* IALA Standards relating to the implementation and operation of VTS and their associated Recommendations, Guidelines, and Model Courses.

The VTS Manual is available in digital format and is updated as new or revised documents are approved. The latest version of the VTS Manual can be downloaded [here]. *(note, provide link to the VTS manual)*