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LIAISON NOTE

Draft MSC Circular on Maritime Resource Names (MRN)

# INTRODUCTION

During VTS56 a liaison note was received from ARM 18 regarding a MSC circular on Maritime Resource Names (MRN) that will be sent as an input document to NCSR.

The VTS Committee has reviewed the documents submitted and can agree with the intent of the proposed input document and attached MSC circular.

However, the current suggested approach to the format of the MRN structure with the “type of the resource” creates challenges in any domain that has multiple resource types or in an environment where all resource types cannot be identified and would thus require regular updates to the structure as new ones are identified. There is also a governance challenge if, for example, the “resource type” is listed after “OID” but before the “national authority” which actually implies that the resource type is governed not by the national authority that is issuing the MRN but by the OID part that has defined the resource type.

The national authority should have true governance over the MRNs they are supplying and should not encode any implied semantic meaning to an MRN that is outside the governance of the national authority.

# ACTION REQUESTED

The IALA Secretariat – Inform the VTS Committee on the outcome of the liaison note regarding MRN to PAP (ARM 18-11.3.11)

To ARM – Take note of the suggestion regarding the MRN structure to remove the type of resource before the authority that is responsible for the MRN