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Report of IMO NCSR CG on VDES

# Summary

This paper informs of the report of the IMO NCSR Correspondence group on VDES.

# Background

Japan, Singapore and Norway submitted a new output proposal to IMO MSC 102 for the introduction of VDES into SOLAS Chapter V as an equivalent to AIS. MSC 103 agreed the new work program expanding its introduction into not only SOLAS Chapter V but also IV.

The work was initiated from NCSR 10 in 2023 and Japan proposed to establish a correspondence group (CG) in order to progress the work to NCSR 11. NCSR 10 agreed the proposal from Japan and established the CG under coordination of Japan.

# Discussion

The CG was tasked to analyse VDES form technical, regulatory and operational viewpoint, and develop draft performance standards, draft guidelines, draft amendments to SOLAS Chapter IV and V and draft consequential amendments to other relevant IMO instruments as well report to IMO/ITU EG 19 and NCSR 11. The CG conducted its work by mail correspondence and online meetings using IMO Space that is a work space provided by the IMO Secretariat.

The CG was not able to finish the work because of the difference of the views, especially the carriage requirement to a ship on VDES, i.e. mandatory or voluntary. Therefore, the CG requested NCSR 11 to seek the clarification from MSC on carriage requirement of VDES and to allow the extension of CG work to NCSR 12.

The detailed report was attached as ANNEX, NCSR 11/9.

# Action requested of the Committee

The Committee is requested to note the report and act as appropriate.

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