|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| From: VTS Committee | VTS40-12.1.6 |
| To: ARM committee | Oct 2015 |

Liaison Note

Guideline on Disaster Recovery Planning

1. Background

In response to a request from the ARM Committee (Liaison note ARM2 11.1.5), the VTS Committee has reviewed the draft of “IALA Guideline On Disaster Recovery Planning” ARM2-8.2.1 (ARM1-11.2.2), which has been produced by the ARM Committee.

1. Request

The ARM Committee requested IALA members who have experienced a disaster of any scale that affected safe navigation within their jurisdiction to contribute to the development of the guideline by providing information on:

* existing Disaster Recovery Plans;
* elements missing in the draft Guideline;
* examples of difficulties encountered and the methods to overcome them;
* lessons learned.

1. Response

VTS Committee would like to compliment the ARM Committee on the standard of the draft document, and requests that the ARM Committee consider the following minor feedback.

The title of the document could be modified to indicate that the scope covers only natural disasters and marine aids to navigation. A suggested title is “Guideline on Natural Disaster Recovery Planning for Marine Aids to Navigation”.

In Section 2, consider modifying the text to emphasise “Natural Disaster” and the scope as “Marine Aids to Navigation”.

In Section 6(d), the subsection title is “Visual and Radar AtoN”, however the following text does not clearly reference radars. The word “Racon” is preferred if that is the intended meaning of “Radar AtoN”, alternatively it could be a reference to a “Radar reflector” at an AtoN site.

Section 8 discusses the “Use of AtoN Support Vessels”. Within this section, under Command and Control Capabilities, is listed “Radars to support maritime surveillance, and temporary VTS facilities”. It is suggested that “temporary VTS facilities” could be replaced by “collecting and transmitting navigation information”.

1. Action requested

The ARM Committee is requested to consider the points as listed in section 3 above.