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**WG 2 (Technical)**

# OF THE IALA VTS COMMITTEE

## Introduction

The IALA Council, taking into account the mandate of the Association, task the IALA VTS Committee to respond and advise on VTS technical matters***,*** taking into account the role and position of VTS as an important vessel traffic management instrument. For this role Working Group 2 has been established.

## Tasks

I Under the 2010 to 2014 Work Plan, WG2 has been allocated the following tasks:

Task 4 Update the VTS Manual – to comment on the proposed rewording of Chapter 10 (from WG1).

Working schedule: 3 sessions VTS31-32-33).

Task 6 Revise V-128 Operational and Technical Performance Requirements for VTS equipment, Annexes 2, 3, 6, 7, 8, and 9.   
Initial assessment of V-128 resulted in the decision to re-structure the document.

Working schedule: 6 sessions (VTS31-VTS32-VTS33-VTS34-VTS35-VTS36).

Task 7 Produce a recommendation on harmonized functional VTS/VTM requirements for networking and information exchange.

This includes the completion of the draft recommendation on the exchange of VTS traffic image (IVEF) first introduced at VTS31 after preparation by an industrial members drafting group. Other items to standardize include the exchange of sensor information.

Working schedule: 5 sessions (VTS33-VTS34-VTS35-VTS36-VTS37).

Task 17 Specify VTS and other VTM related User Needs in relation to the allocation of the radio frequency spectrum for further delivery to the IMO and ITU.

Work schedule: 2 sessions (VTS31 and VTS32).

### Collaboration

II During the progress of the above tasks, WG2 will collaborate closely with the other VTS/VTM WGs in the VTS Committee and, taking into account the relationships between VTS and e-Navigation, also collaborate with the e-NAV Committee through the established channels.

### Future Work

III WG2 will support additional work as tasked by the Committee.

### Meetings

IV It is foreseen that the work of WG2 will take place in the regular meetings of the IALA VTS Committees and, in order to accomplish the required work on schedule whilst also delivering contributions to the works of other WGs, there may be a requirement to conduct off-line correspondence and / or (intersessional) meetings between or ahead of the planned VTS sessions.