**VTS35** Input paper

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Produce a Guideline on Revalidation and Refresher Training for VTS Personnel

# Summary

The Australian VTS Working Group, as part of its 2010-12 Work Program, developed a draft guideline on *Revalidation and Refresher Training for VTS Personnel*.

The Guideline was developed using the draft IALA Model Course V-103/5 – Revalidation Training for VTS Personnel developed several years ago but which has not been released.

## Purpose of the document

The Guideline is intended to provide Authorities charged with the provision of Vessel Traffic Services guidance on the training of VTS Operators, VTS Supervisors and OJT Trainers.

This document is provided to the VTS Committee for consideration as an input paper to assist completion of Task 20 - *Produce a Guideline on revalidation and refresher training for VTS personnel.*

# Background

The Australian VTS Working Group (VTSWG) is a consultative group to facilitate communication and information sharing between VTS authorities and key stakeholders. Included in the terms of Reference for the Group are:

* Facilitate a common understanding of the delivery of vessel traffic services across Australia.
* Facilitate the promotion of a standardised approach to the delivery of vessel traffic services that reflect international best practices, obligations and guidelines.
* Provide a mechanism for VTS authorities to contribute to the preparation and review of relevant IALA guidance on VTS as identified in the IALA quadrennial work programme.

At its meeting in April 2012 the Group reviewed the draft Guideline with a view to forwarding to IALA as an input paper to Task 20 of the VTS Committee - *Produce a guideline on revalidation and refresher training for VTS personnel*.

# Discussion

The IALA VTS Committee has previously developed a Guideline on revalidation, however it was never released. The Australian VTS Working Group used the draft paper as a template to develop the attached document.

# Action requested of the Committee

The Committee is invited to forward the Input Paper to the Personnel & Training Working Group for their consideration in progressing Task 20 - Produce a guideline on revalidation and refresher training for VTS personnel.