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Review of R0103 (V-103) – Report of the Intersessional CG

# Summary

A review of R0103 (V-103) was commenced at VTS46 and continued at VTS47. At VTS47 it was agreed that an intersessional session would be held via Go to Meeting to provide input on the update of IALA R0103, and the review of the association Guidelines and Model Courses.

## Purpose of the document

This document provides an overview of the outcomes of the two GtM sessions held by an intersessional correspondence group (CG) on the review of R0103 and associated documentation.

## Related documents

[VTS48-10.3.3.1] - Draft Revised Recommendation R0103

[VTS48-10.3.3.2] - Draft G-#### (previous the annex of R0103, content unchanged)

Final Report - R0103 Review CG01

Draft Report – R0103 Review CG02.

# Background

During the IALA VTS Symposium in Rotterdam, 1996, IALA accepted a challenge from the floor of the Symposium to address the need for common, standardised training for VTS Personnel. In 1999 the first edition of the IALA Recommendation V-103 Standards for Training and Certification of VTS Personnel was approved by IALA Council. A review of V-103 was carried out in 2009 and has remained broadly unchanged since that time. Now called R0103, the recommendation provides the framework to assist competent authorities and VTS authorities recruit, train and assess VTS personnel to ensure the harmonised delivery of vessel traffic services world‐wide.

This activity is in support of Task 3.3.1 of the IALA VTS Committee - Review and update of Recommendation R0103 on the Standards for Training and Certification of VTS Personnel and associated Model Courses.

# Discussion

The intersessional correspondence group for the review of R0103 met twice in the period between VTS47 and VTS48 via GoToMeeting. The chair for the correspondence group was Jillian Carson-Jackson, supported by Kevin Gregory of the IALA Secretariat.

* R0103 Review CG01 was held on 16 December 2019, with 8 persons attending from 7 organisations.
* R0103 Review CG02 was held on 4 February 2020, with 10 persons attending from 7 organisations.

## Activities

The R0103 Review CG identified key activities to be taken in the review of the parent document R0103 and the supporting Guidelines and Model Courses.

The CG completed the following:

* split the current R0103 into a new Recommendation and Guideline.
* review the content of the split R0103 to ensure that it provides clear direction to all those involved in VTS education and training.
* identify the approach to gather input on the current V-103/1 training curriculum
* prepare a report on the work of the CG for submission to VTS48.

In the review of R0103 the possibility to merge R0103 with the AtoN training recommendation R0141 was considered. The CG concluded that IALA Recommendation R0103 and R0141 should not be merged at this time, noting that both remain as separate documents under IALA S1050

The revised R0103 and supporting draft G-### are provided as input to VTS48.

## Comments on G-####

The current annex of R0103 was prepared as G-####. Discussion on the approach taken within the previous annex to R0103 concluded:

* it would be beneficial to provide flexibility in the training program, which may include an optional phased approach to on-the-job training (OJT);
* the revision of the new Guideline to support R0103 clearly identify the scope and objective of each model course.
* The terminology used for the VTS training courses be revisited, noting the current terminology for V-103/2 as ‘VTS Supervisor’ training however some VTS Authorities may have a requirement for advance VTS training, but may not use the designation of VTS Supervisor.

## Review of Model Courses

It was agreed that Model Course V-103/1 (VTS Operators) would be reviewed in detail. The CG noted that the current curriculum within Model Course V-103/1 has been subject to detailed development and many years of implementation. The CG considered that a suitable approach would be to use the current version as the basis to determine what content may be added, reviewed or removed as appropriate. Discussion highlighted:

* The current version provides a basis for the review;
* Requirements for qualification and training continue to be clearly defined
* The review address options for different approaches to what may be required for personnel to perform the role of the VTS Operator.

# Action requested of the Committee

The Committee is requested to:

1. note the outcomes of the R0103 Review Correspondence Group; and
2. provide comments on the draft documents as the review of R0103 and associated Guidelines and Model Courses continues.

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