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# quality management practices for VTS providers

# background

At VTS55 the Committee:

1. Progressed development of the draft guideline to assist VTS providers implement a formalized system to document processes, procedures, and responsibilities for achieving quality policies and objectives, regulatory requirements and improve effectiveness and efficiency on a continuous basis.
2. Invited Committee participants to join the intersessional task group (virtual meetings) to continue progressing the draft guideline for further consideration by the Committee at VTS56.

Task 1.8.4 is scheduled for completion at VTS56.

# Discussion

TG1.8.4 met 3 times following VTS56. Participants included:

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Key outcomes from the Task Group include:

1. **Draft Guideline on Quality Management for VTS providers.**

A review of the draft guideline as completed at VTS55 (*Working Paper VTS55-12.5.1.5*) identified editorial changes to:

* Better align the document with quality management principles described the globally recognized standard for quality management, that is the International Organization for Standardization (ISO) 9001 Quality Management Systems.
* Ensure the document was more readable by focussing on the key elements in establishing a quality management system that will assist a VTS provider to demonstrate their ability to consistently provide processes, procedures, and responsibilities to meet stakeholder and regulatory requirements.
* Minimise repetitive text or text that was simply quoting elements from ISO 9001 without value adding.

A revision of draft Guideline at *VTS56-8.2.1.2 Guideline GNNNN Quality Management Practices for VTS Providers.*

1. **Recommendation R0132 Quality Management for Aids to Navigation Authorities.**

In reviewing the draft guideline and noting the ARM Committee (Liaison Note VTS55-8.7.1) has requested the VTS Committee to *“review draft recommendation R0132 and if necessary, provide feedback to the ARM committee to adapt the recommendation to accurately refer to the new VTS QMS guideline”*, the Task Group concluded consideration should be given to revising IALA Recommendation *R0132 Quality Management for Aids to Navigation Authorities* to reflect:

* That practices described in the Recommendation are for **Marine** Aids to Navigation authorities, that is both AtoN and VTS.
* The differences in the IMO regulatory framework for the establishing and operating VTS and AtoN. Specifically, SOLAS Regulation V/12 (Vessel Traffic Services and associated IMO Resolution 1158(32) Guidelines for Vessel Traffic Services) and SOLAS Regulation V/13 (Aids to Navigation).

A draft revision of Recommendation R0132 is at *VTS56-8.2.1.1 Draft Revision of Recommendation R0132 Quality Management for Marine Aids to Navigation Authorities*.

# Action requested of the Committee

**The Committee** is requested to:

1. Note revised draft Guideline to assist VTS providers implement a system that documents processes, procedures, and responsibilities for achieving quality policies and objectives, regulatory requirements and improve effectiveness and efficiency on a continuous basis (*VTS56-8.2.1.2 Guideline GNNNN Quality Management Practices for VTS Providers).*
2. Consider the amendments proposed by the Task Group to Recommendation *R0132 Quality Management for Aids to Navigation Authorities* in responding to the ARM Committee’s request to “*review draft recommendation R0132 and if necessary, provide feedback to the ARM committee to adapt the recommendation to accurately refer to the new VTS QMS guideline*” (Refer Liaison Note VTS55-8.7.1).

**Attachments**

1. *VTS56-8.2.1.2 Draft Guideline GNNNN on Quality Management Practices for VTS Providers*
2. *VTS56-8.2.1.1 Draft revision of Recommendation R0132 Quality Management for Marine Aids to Navigation Authorities.*

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