

**Agenda item 9 – IALA TECHNICAL ACTIVITIES****9.5 VTS****9.5.1 Documents submitted for approval****9.5.1-5 Annex to IALA Recommendation V-103****Note by the Secretariat****1 SUMMARY**

A Recommendation by the VTS Committee Work Programme 2010-2014, Task 9: Develop Model Course V-103/x on 'Train the Trainer' was drafted by Working Group 3 of the VTS Committee. After review by Working Group 3 and the VTS Committee, it was decided to publish this document as an IALA Guideline. If approved, this document will complete the Committee's Task 9.

After due consideration the VTS Committee thought that, due to its generic nature, this Guideline may also be suitable for use by other IALA Committees.

At the beginning of the same Guideline the following sentence has been included:

*"Competent and/or VTS authorities are encouraged to adopt this Guideline, in conjunction with IALA Recommendation V-103 and associated model courses as the basis for mandatory training in a manner consistent with their domestic legal framework."*

The VTS Committee also concluded that Council be requested to give consideration to a minor amendment to Recommendation V-103 on the Standards for Training and Certification of VTS Personnel. The proposed amendment is to include the following paragraph in the Objectives of the Recommendation:

*"Competent and / or VTS authorities are encouraged to adopt this Recommendation together with the associated model courses as the basis for mandatory training in a manner consistent with their domestic legal framework".*

The conclusion was reached noting the importance and priority of encouraging authorities to embrace the IALA Recommendation V-103 and associated model courses in a similar manner.

**2 ACTION REQUESTED**

The Council is requested to Approve the minor amendment to Recommendation V-103.

Recommendation V-103 - on the Standards for Training and Certification of VTS Personnel  
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## **Annex**

### **The Standards for Training and Certification of VTS Personnel**

#### **1 INTRODUCTION**

##### **1.1 General**

International shipping operations need a common approach and universally agreed professional standards and competence for the delivery of Vessel Traffic Services (VTS). The successful delivery of such services depends upon competent and experienced personnel to discharge the responsibilities of a VTS Authority. Recognising that VTS personnel are members of a profession whose principle interaction is with mariners and maritime pilots for the safe management of maritime traffic, their competence needs to reflect that professional responsibility.

The recruitment, selection and training of suitable personnel is a pre-requisite to the provision of professionally qualified personnel capable of contributing to safe and efficient marine operations. Such personnel will help to ensure that full and due regard is given to the diverse tasks inherent in VTS activities.

This recommendation sets out the training requirements and certification standards for VTS personnel. These should be implemented by national members and other appropriate Authorities to ensure that uniform standards of procedures, practices and professional standards are applied by Vessel Traffic Services world-wide.

##### **1.2 Objectives**

*Competent and / or VTS authorities are encouraged to adopt this Recommendation together with the associated model courses as the basis for mandatory training in a manner consistent with their domestic legal framework*

The objectives of this recommendation are to provide a basis:

- for VTS Authorities when recruiting VTS personnel;
- for model courses to establish a training programme on the specific knowledge and skill requirements necessary for qualification as a VTS Operator;
- to ensure that VTS personnel are trained and qualified to enable them to perform the tasks required;
- for maintaining a satisfactory level of operational performance through the systematic provision of refresher and/or revalidation training for qualified personnel;
- to regularly assess VTS Operators ability to perform to established and recognised standards and;
- for a structured career progression for VTS personnel.