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Report of the Intersessional task group activity on the review of model course c0103-5 (revalidation Training)

# Summary

The IALA VTS Committee has been tasked with a full review of all IALA VTS training related documentation. This involves the detailed review of each of the IALA VTS Model Courses, starting with V-103/1 – VTS Operator Training. Since VTS51 significant progress was made on the task during intersessional work, with the review of V-103/1 (C0103-1) and V-103/3 (C0103-3) completed at VTS53.

In the course of the work IALA has revised the numbering reference for the VTS Model Courses from V-103/# to C0103-#. In the 2023-2027 workplan the task item has been updated to reflect the revised model course numbering. Tasks to review C0103-1 (VTS Operator), C0103-3 (VTS OJT), C0103-2 (VTS Supervisor Training) and C0103-4 (VTS OJT Instructor) have been completed and issued.

The remaining model course in the C0103 suite is C0103-5 – - formerly called ‘Recurrent Training’ with the proposed revised name of ‘Revalidation’ of VTS Qualifications.

## Purpose of the document

To brief the participants of VTS57 on the progress that was made on the review of IALA Model Course C0103-5 – Revalidation of VTS Qualifications.

## Related documents

VTS56-10.1.3 – Input task 3.8.7c-Revision C0103-5.

# Discussion

The Task Group met a number of times between VTS56 and VTS57. The ITG progressed the review of C0103-5 for continuing discussion at VTS57.

The following points were noted for the review:

* The existing model course has been subject to many years of development,
* The revised format for the VTS Model Courses (as per C0103-1 and C0103-3, approved at VTS 53)
* Continuity of training, with links between C0103-1, C0103-2 and C0103-4
* Continuity with revised R0103 and related Guidelines
* Comments from WG3 members regarding the confusion within the current ‘model course’ which includes a procedure for maintaining qualifications.

The group also noted IMO Res.A.1158(32) which states that

*8.2 - VTS personnel should only be considered competent when appropriately trained and qualified for their VTS duties,*

and,

*8.2.3 undergoing periodic assessments and revalidation training to ensure competence is maintained.*

## Summary Points

During the review of C0103-5 is was agreed to keep a model course focused on recurrent training, and to amend the relevant sections in G1156 for the process to maintain competence, noting there are different elements included in a revalidation process.

***Agreement***

* *Rename C0103-5 to reflect Revalidation training only (as per the wording in IMO Res. A.1158(32) 8.2.3);*
* *Revise G1156 to provide guidance on the process to maintain competence.*

***Guiding principles****:*

* *Use existing C0103-5 as basis for review*
* *Clearly identify process for ensuring competence (note terminology in the IMO Resolution)*
* *Training needs to be flexible while reflecting the updated model course format/competence level required*
* *Add in clear guidance on adaptation and updating training (note – this has been added to the revision of G1156)*

# Outcomes

In line with the agreement and guiding principles, C0103-5 and G1156 have been reviewed in parallel. The focus has been to clearly indicate that C0103-5 is for Revalidation Training and follows the model course format.

Committee members are requested to review the draft revised model course C0103-5 and G1156 and provide input to VTS57 for review by WG3. It is noted that this item is due for completion at VTS57. Based on the input received it may be agreed to extend the work until VTS58.

# Action requested of the Committee

The Committee is requested to:

1. note the draft revision of IALA Model Course C0103-5 and G1156.
2. provide input on the revised model course for consideration by WG3 at VTS57.
3. note the potential completion of the review of Model Course C0103-5 and G1156 at VTS57.

# attachments

* Revised version C0103-5
* Revised version G1156

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