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| To: PAP and all committees | 11 Oct 24 |

LIAISON NOTE

Intersessional Work on Maritime Resource Names

# INTRODUCTION

The ARM Committee has received and reviewed input papers from VTS (ARM19-8.4.6) and DTEC (ARM19-8.4.4, ARM19-8.4.4.1, and ARM19-8.4.4.2) Committees regarding Maritime Resource Names (MRN).

The inputs were noted and discussed. The input from DTEC recommended a path forward for an MRN submission to IMO, as well as independently pursuing informing relevant organizations on the availability and use of MRN. DTEC also expressed some concern that IALA documents G1143 and G1164 needed revision before being shared with partner organizations who would adopt MRN.

The input from VTS also identified a concern with application of MRN within the IALA Namespace. The Task Group discussed potential limitations of MRN and possible options where strict adherence might not be preferable.

It was recommended that an Intersessional Group form to discuss MRN in more detail, with two main avenues: One to finalize the IMO submission and also to review IALA Guidelines for MRN.

## Related documents

ARM19-8.4.4

ARM19-8.4.4.1

ARM19-8.4.4.2

ARM19-8.4.6

IALA Guideline G1143, Ed. 3.1

IALA Guideline G1164, Ed. 1.1

# DISCUSSION

Both DTEC and VTS Committees identified a concern with the existing MRN documentation, namely IALA Guidelines G1143 and G1164. The Task Group felt this might be a misunderstanding of the documentation, but was aware that if such misundertandings exist, the documentation may be lacking

The discussion concluded that there may not be enough institutional awareness and knowledge within the full spectrum of the IALA Committees in regards to MRN, and that building and expanding such knowledge will be critical to successful application of MRN.

The Task Group agreed that intersessional work is beneficial and identified some suggestions on the scope of such work.

Suggested scope for Intersessional Work:

* Contribute to and finalize IMO Submission on MRN
* Review of MRN Documentation (G1143, G1164, RXXXX)
* Creating a flexible updating mechanism for adding new “type namespaces” to the IALA Namespace
* Discussion of use-cases within IALA Namespace
  + How human-readable names are truncated for machine-to-machine application
  + How MRN assigned in one area can be used in another
* Development of informative MRN Webinar or other alternative
* Build MRN knowledge base within IALA Membership and IALA Secretariat
* Discuss the concept of a MRN Registry, including gathering guidance documents from MRN users

# ACTION REQUESTED

All Committees are requested to:

1. Note this Liaison Note.
2. Contribute use-cases on current and envisioned MRN application within the IALA Namespace to ARM Committee Chair.
3. Contribute to Intersessional work on MRN by expressing interest ARM Committee Chair.