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IALA Model Course V-103/5 on the Revalidation Process for VTS Qualification and Certification

Note by the VTS Committee

1. INTRODUCTION

The VTS Committee was tasked to prepare a model course on the Revalidation Process for VTS Qualification and Certification. This work commenced in VTS 38 and was completed at VTS 41.

This model course is intended to provide guidance to Competent Authorities, Accredited VTS Training Organisations and VTS Authorities on how to maintain and improve the quality of performance of their VTSOs, by means of training, in order to enable the revalidation of the qualifications contained within the VTS certification log.

In finalising the Model Course the Committee identified that the title of the Model Course should be amended from “Revalidation Process for VTS Certification” to “Revalidation Process for VTS Qualification and Certification” to better reflect the contents and purpose of the course.

2. SUMMARY OF DRAFT PROPOSAL

IMO Resolution A.857(20) states that once suitably qualified and trained VTSOs are performing on the job, their performance must be observed and monitored to ensure that it continues to meet the established standards.

Further, to ensure the continued maintenance of a VTS qualification, the Competent Authority should implement a process of refresher training. Within this model course, refresher training consists of recurrent, adaptation and updating training.

Furthermore, recurrent, adaptation and updating training, encompasses the definition of refresher training within IMO Resolution A.857(20) by ensuring that training is carried out to maintain a certain level of performance, skills in areas or knowledge which are infrequently used and where consequence of non-performance is great.

The revalidation process ensures that holders of a VTS qualification maintain a satisfactory level of operational performance in order to retain, develop and increase their competency. In turn, this will contribute to the safety and efficiency of navigation in a designated VTS area.

3. THE COUNCIL IS REQUESTED TO

Note the name change of the Model Course V-103/5.

Consider the draft Model Course V-103/5 on the Revalidation Process for VTS Qualification and Certification and approve as appropriate.