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Note by the Secretariat

1. INTRODUCTION

Traditionally manuals have been updated every four years to coincide with IALA conferences or symposia.

However, the rapid evolution of technology has necessitated a more dynamic approach. The VTS Committee, in document C71-11.4.1, addressed the need for more timely updates to the VTS Manual to keep pace with technological changes. Similarly, ARM has advocated for more frequent updates to the NAVGUIDE.

This document aims to inform the Council about the recent developments and current status of these manuals, ensuring that the documents remain relevant and effective in the face of fast-changing technological landscapes.

2. MANUALS OVERVIEW

The manuals serve as vital resources for harmonisation and sharing of the best practices reflecting the latest industry standards and practices. As of now, IALA has released three manuals for use by its members and the public:

- NAVGUIDE, Edition 9.0, June 2023
- Complementary Lighthouse Use Manual, Edition 2.0, December 2017
- VTS Manual, Edition 8.2, December 2022

There is a need to update these manuals more frequently, for instance with consequential updates when various recommendations and guidelines are approved or withdrawn by the Council.

3. THE COUNCIL IS REQUESTED TO

Approve that minor updates to the IALA manuals may be published more rapidly with subsequent Council approval.