

11 – TECHNICAL ACTIVITIES***11.1 – Committee work organisation*****11.1.1.1 Proposed changes to VTS Committee tasks**

Note by VTS

INTRODUCTION

The VTS Committee proposes that its work programme for the period 2018 to 2022 is amended to result in:

- merging of task 1.2.7 into task 1.2.4 which are both related to the e-Navigation Maritime Services,
- deletion of task 3.3.3 related to the preparation of a VTS Training Manual to complement IALA Recommendation R0103 (V-103) and its model courses.

DISCUSSION

The objective of task 1.2.7 was to identify present and potential Maritime Services other than MS 1, 2 and 3 delivered by VTS. The VTS Committee was intending to develop a set of criteria and conditions for Competent Authorities and VTS Authorities to decide on the harmonized implementation and operation such Maritime Services.

The Committee discussed the objectives of task 1.2.7 and could not see the benefit of such a new Guideline at the current time. The Committee considered that it would be more appropriate to include descriptions of VTS related Maritime Services, in the Guideline on Maritime Services which will be developed under task 1.2.4.

The objective of task 3.3.3 was to produce a VTS Training Manual to complement IALA Recommendation R0103 (V-103) and its associated model courses. The Committee reviewed the scope of this task and determined that there was no longer a compelling need for a VTS Training Manual and that the task may be deleted.

All VTS training documentation is available digitally and spread throughout the maritime world. Additionally, the IALA VTS Manual includes sections on VTS training and makes clear reference to all relevant IALA training documentation.

THE COUNCIL IS REQUESTED TO

1. Approve the merging of task 1.2.7 into task 1.2.4.
2. Approve the deletion of task 3.3.3.