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**IALA STANDARDS FOR TRAINING AND CERTIFICATION OF
VESSEL TRAFFIC SERVICE (VTS) PERSONNEL**

1 The Maritime Safety Committee, at its ninety-ninth session (16 to 25 May 2018), recalled resolution A.857(20) on *Guidelines for vessel traffic services*, which includes guidelines on the recruitment, qualifications and training of VTS operators and noted the continued development by the International Association of Marine Aids to Navigation and Lighthouse Authorities (IALA) of Recommendation R0103 (V-103) on the standards for training and certification of VTS personnel and its associated model courses.

2 Since the approval by the Committee of MSC/Circ.1065 at its seventy-sixth session (2 to 13 December 2002), related to IALA standards for training and certification of vessel traffic service (VTS) personnel, the range of model courses has been expanded and the following model courses have now been published:

- .1 Model Course V-103/1 VTS Operator;
- .2 Model Course V-103/2 VTS Supervisor;
- .3 Model Course V-103/3 On-the-Job Training;
- .4 Model Course V-103/4 VTS On-the-Job Training Instructor; and
- .5 Model Course V-103/5 Revalidation process for VTS Qualification and Certification.

3 Member States are invited to bring the contents of this circular and the provisions for the training and certification of vessel traffic service personnel contained in IALA Recommendation R0103 (V-103) and its associated model courses to the attention of their competent authority, VTS authorities, VTS training organizations and any other parties concerned.

4 This circular supersedes MSC/Circ.1065.