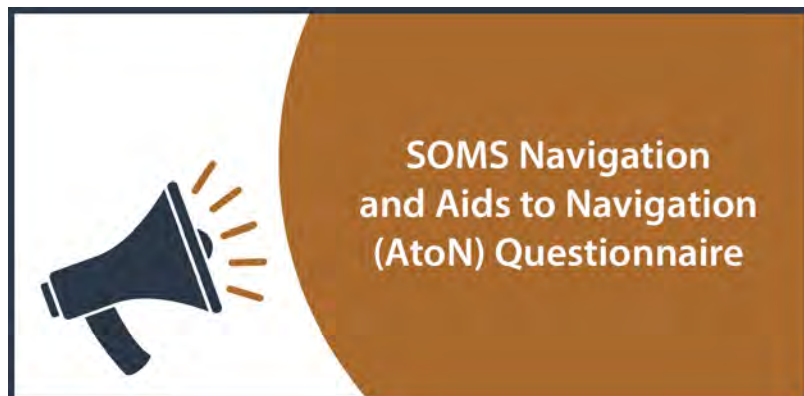


SOMS Navigation and Aids to Navigation (AtoN) Questionnaire



Following August's announcement of the review of underkeel clearance (UKC) requirements in the Straits of Malacca and Singapore (SOMS), Witherbys are assisting Japan's Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism (MLIT), particularly its maritime administration, who have issued a series of questions seeking the views and experience of mariners in the SOMS.

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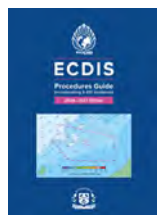
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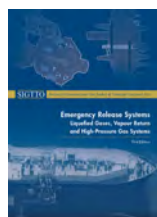
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