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**CIRCULAR LETTER 16/2018**  
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**ADOPTION OF EDITION 2.0.0 OF THE IHO PUBLICATION C-17 -  
SPATIAL DATA INFRASTRUCTURES "THE MARINE DIMENSION" -  
GUIDANCE FOR HYDROGRAPHIC OFFICES**

Reference: IHO CL 67/2017 dated 24 November – Call for Approval of New Edition 2.0.0 of the IHO Publication C-17 - Spatial Data Infrastructures "The Marine Dimension" - Guidance for Hydrographic Offices

Dear Hydrographer,

1. The Reference proposed the adoption of a New Edition of the IHO Publication C-17 - *Spatial Data Infrastructures "The Marine Dimension" - Guidance for Hydrographic Offices* - as recommended by the IHO Marine Spatial Data Infrastructures Working Group (MSDIWG) and endorsed by the IHO Inter-Regional Coordinating Committee (IRCC) and IHO Council.
2. The IHO Secretariat thanks the 58 Member States that replied to the Reference: Algeria, Argentina, Australia, Bangladesh, Belgium, Brazil, Canada, Chile, Colombia, Croatia, Cuba, Cyprus, Ecuador, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Guatemala, Iceland, India, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Ireland, Italy, Japan, Malaysia, Malta, Mauritius, Monaco, Morocco, Mozambique, Netherlands, New Zealand, Nigeria, Norway, Oman, Pakistan, Papua New Guinea, Peru, Poland, Portugal, Qatar, Rep. of Korea, Romania, Russian Federation, Saudi Arabia, Singapore, Slovenia, South Africa, Spain, Sweden, Tunisia, Turkey, United Kingdom, United States of America, Ukraine and Uruguay.
3. Four Member States offered comments in addition to their votes. These comments and the outcome of their review by the MSDIWG Chair are provided in the Annex to this Circular Letter.
4. When the Reference was issued there were 87 Member States of the IHO with three States suspended. In accordance with the provisions of the Convention on the IHO as amended, the minimum number of affirmative votes required was 28. As a result, and taking into account the editorial corrections reported in the Annex, the proposed New Edition 2.0.0 has been adopted.
5. Edition 2.0.0 (English version only) is now available on the IHO website at: [www.iho.int](http://www.iho.int) → Standards & Publications → Download → C-17.

On behalf of the Secretary-General  
Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'M IPTES'.

Mustafa IPTES  
Director

Annex: Member States' responses to IHO CL 67/2017 and comments from the MSDIWG Chair.

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**MEMBER STATES' RESPONSES TO IHO CL 67/2017 AND COMMENTS FROM THE  
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**Canada (Vote: Yes)**

Canada agrees and support all actions related to MSDI implementation interoperable globally.

Comment from the MSDIWG Chair:

*The MSDIWG Chair thanks Canada for the support.*

**India (Vote: Yes)**

HOs will contribute to the MSDI in line with the respective national policies on data sharing and NSDI Guidelines.

Comment from the MSDIWG Chair:

*The MSDIWG Chair noted the comment from India.*

**Indonesia (Vote: Yes)**

Indonesia approves the adoption of Edition 2.0.0 of C-17 *Spatial Data Infrastructures "The Marine Dimension" - Guidance for Hydrographic Offices.*

Comment from the MSDIWG Chair:

*The MSDIWG Chair thanks Indonesia for the support.*

**Portugal (Vote: Yes)**

-On page 8 change the reference from Annex G to Annex E "Fundamentals of a MSDI (1-day Briefing Session Template)";

-On page 14 change from Annex E to Annex G - How HOs might engage in SDI;

-On page 18 change from Annex D to Annex H;

Comment from the MSDIWG Chair:

*The MSDIWG Chair thanks Portugal for pointing out this error. The final published New Edition 2.0.0 includes the corrected references.*