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**CALL FOR APPROVAL OF REVISIONS TO IHO RESOLUTIONS 7/2009, 9/1932, 4/1982 AND FOR
THE DELETION OF IHO RESOLUTIONS 4/1937 AND 9/1962**

References:

- A. IHO CL 35/2018 dated 14 June - *Outcome of the Tenth Meeting of the Hydrographic Services and Standards Committee (HSSC)*.
- B. Publication M-3, 2nd Edition 2010 – Updated to June 2017 – *Resolutions of the IHO*.

Dear Hydrographer,

1. The Nautical Information Provision Working Group (NIPWG) has a work item which requests the regular review of sections of IHO Resolutions (M-3), reference B, which are relevant for nautical publications. Section 2.4 deals with Publications with the following parts: 2.4.1 (General), 2.4.2 (Digital), 2.4.4 (Distance Tables), 2.4.5 (Radio Signals), and 2.4.6 (Sailing Directions). In these parts, NIPWG identified that some IHO Resolutions needed to be revised or deleted.

2. At its 10th meeting held in Rostock-Warnemünde, Germany, in May 2018, the Hydrographic Services and Standards Committee (HSSC) endorsed the proposals made by NIPWG with regard to IHO Resolutions 7/2009, 9/1932, 4/1982, 4/1937 and 9/1962 (See Reference A, Decision HSSC10/27).

3. The full justification of these proposed amendments to M-3 in the remit of NIPWG is available on the IHO webpage as: www.iho.int > IHO Council, Committees & WG > HSSC > HSSC-10 > Documents > Doc. HSSC10-05.3B Rev1.

4. The IHO Resolutions 7/2009, 9/1932 and 4/1982 need to be amended, while the IHO Resolutions 4/1937 and 9/1962 are proposed for deletion. The draft proposed amendments to M-3 are provided in Annex A (red-line version in *English only*).

5. Member States are requested to take into account the endorsement of the HSSC and to consider the adoption of these proposals by providing their reply on the Voting Form in Annex B, at their earliest convenience and **no later than 15 September 2018**.

On behalf of the Secretary-General

Yours sincerely,

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Director

Annexes:

- A. Draft proposed amendments to IHO Resolutions 7/2009, 9/1932, 4/1982 and proposal for the deletion of IHO Resolutions 4/1937 and 9/1962.
- B. Voting Form

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**Proposed amendments to IHO Resolutions 7/2009, 9/1932, 4/1982
and proposal for the deletion of IHO Resolutions 4/1937 and 9/1962**

(red-line version in *English only*)

Part 2.4.1

TIME REFERENCE	7/2009		A2.17
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~~It is resolved that all references to time in nautical publications should be referred to the Universal Time Co-ordinated (UTC) standard, e.g. 1537 (UTC), 1637 (UTC+1), etc. If considered necessary, a note may be included indicating that UTC has replaced GMT.~~

Time in nautical publications should be expressed as Universal Time Co-ordinated (UTC):

Example 13:21 (UTC).

Alternative time references may be used, as follows:

1. Local time with offset: Example 13:21 (UTC + 3)
2. Unspecified local time: Example 13:21 (Local Time) if time zone reference is provided within the publication.

UNIFORM SEQUENCE OF INFORMATION	9/1932 as amended	IHC 4	E2.4
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It is resolved that the various particulars for each category of station shall be listed in the following uniform sequence:

- a) Serial (or index) number.
- b) Name of the station (call signal).
- c) Geographical position: latitude and longitude (taken from the largest-scale original coastal chart). If necessary, the positions of the transmitter and the receiver shall be given.
- d) Wave (or waves: call, bearing, transmission), type, power.
- e) ~~Hours (G.M.T.)~~ Operational Hours
- f) Nature of service.
- g) Sectors of utilization and, possibly, range.
- h) Call station (if necessary).
- i) Characteristics of signal or of message (sources of data, codes utilized, areas concerned, clear weather transmission, etc.).
- j) Procedure: preparatory signal, form of message, repetitions, errors.
- k) Auxiliary or supplementary signals.
- l) Control stations, combined stations, relay stations, synchronization.
- m) Remarks, changes, etc.

Part 2.4.6

ARRANGEMENT OF INFORMATION	4/1982 as amended	IHC 16	C2.8
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It is recommended that in printed publications the information in chapters or sections be arranged as follows. The style may be in the form of a notebook with bullet point side headings containing single sentence statements. Information that properly rests in another publication shall be omitted or reference only made to that publication.

- a) Waterways and coast
 - i) Chapters or sections should begin with introductory paragraphs dealing with general information applicable to the whole area of the chapter or section, see below:
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 - ii) After the introductory paragraphs, each significant portion of the waterway or coastal route should contain the following information of a more local nature:
...

b) Port information:

- Name and position of port or harbour;
- Limits of port;
- General remarks on type of port, main function,
- Port authority;
- Limiting conditions due to draught, size of vessel See 2/1967 (C3.3) and 5/1962 C3.4);
- Water level and mean tidal range;
- ~~Density or salinity of water if differing from normal seawater See 9/1962 (C3.14);~~
- Ice;
- Local meteorological conditions;
- Arrival information required and notice for ETA;
- Port information service, signal stations ;
- Pilotage and tugs;
- Regulations;
- Outer anchorages and sea berths;
- Tidal streams;
- Entrance channel or fairway;
- Traffic signals;
- Directions for entering;
- Berths, basins and depths of water See 5/1962 (C3.4);
- Port facilities in brief for cargo handling, ro-ro, containers, lighters, cranes, etc;
- Repair facilities, dry docking, and slipways; and
- Supplies of fuel, water, etc.; and
- ~~Transport facilities from the port by sea, road, rail, canal and nearest main airport.~~

POPULATION OF TOWNS	4/1937 as amended	IHC 12	C3.9
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~~It is recommended that when the population of a town is stated, the year date of the census be also given, if known. If the figures mentioned are derived only from an estimate, it shall be so stated.~~

~~Note:—The purpose of this information is only to provide a convenient way of indicating the size and importance of the place.~~

DENSITY AND SALINITY OF WATER	9/1962 as amended	IHC 16	C3.14
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~~It is recommended that, when available, the density and/or the salinity of the water at ports of the world be inserted in Sailing Directions.~~

~~See also 4/1982b (C2.8b).~~

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Voting Form

(to be returned to the IHO Secretariat by 15 September 2018)

E-mail: cl-lc@iho.int - Fax: +377 93 10 81 40

Note: The boxes will expand as you type your answers.

Member State:

Contact:

E-mail:

1. Do you approve the proposed amendments to IHO Resolutions 7/2009, 9/1932 and 4/1982 as provided in Annex A (*tick the appropriate box*)?

YES

NO

2. Do you approve the proposed deletion of IHO Resolutions 4/1937 and 9/1962 (*tick the appropriate box*)?

YES

NO

If you answer 'NO', please explain your reasons in the comment section below.

Comments:

Signature :

Date :