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IHO HYDROGRAPHIC SERVICES AND STANDARDS COMMITTEE

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ANNOUNCEMENT OF PUBLICATION OF THE FIRST EDITIONS OF NEW S-100 BASED PRODUCT SPECIFICATIONS

- **Edition 1.0.0 of S-101 – *Electronic Navigational Chart Product Specification***
- **Edition 1.0.0 of S-111 – *Surface Currents Product Specification***

References:

- A. HSSC10-05.1A Rev 3 – *Report and Recommendations of S-100WG (Explanatory Note and Presentation)*
- B. HSSC10-05.7A Rev 1 – *Report and Recommendations of TWCWG*
- C. *List of Decisions and Actions Arising from HSSC-10*
- D. *List of Decisions and Actions Arising from C2*

Dear Colleagues,

1. At its 10th meeting (HSSC-10 – May 2018) the HSSC considered a recommendation from the S-100WG (Reference A) to revise IHO Resolution 2/2007 (as amended) to include a provision in the review and approval cycle for a development phase for new Product Specifications and to approve an Edition 1.0.0 for implementation and testing purposes when deemed appropriate. HSSC approved the recommendation with the resulting action to inform the Council on the new Review Cycle for WG/PT Development Phase of Product Specifications, seeking endorsement for inclusion as part of the revision process for IHO Resolution 2/2007 (as amended) (Reference C – Action HSSC10/12). At its 2nd meeting (C2 – October 2018) the IHO Council endorsed the new proposed Review Cycle for the development phase of Product Specifications (Reference D – Decision C2/11).

2. In order to apply the new regime in practice, HSSC considered recommendations from the S-100WG and TWCWG to approve the publication of Editions 1.0.0 of S-101 – *ENC Product Specification* and S-111 – *Surface Currents Product Specification* (References A and B), under the new proposed revision cycle for the development phase of Product Specifications. The HSSC agreed to the publication of these Product Specifications for implementation and testing purposes (Reference C – Decisions HSSC10/11 and HSSC10/49) under the precondition of the IHO Council endorsement.

3. The S-100WG and TWCWG have subsequently completed a Stakeholder Review of the draft Product Specifications and a final review and finalization by the Working Groups for publication of the respective first editions.

4. Editions 1.0.0 of S-101 – *ENC Product Specification* and S-111 – *Surface Currents Product Specification* are now available for download from the IHO Geospatial Information (GI) Registry – Product Specifications Register, which can be accessed from the IHO website at: www.iho.int →

Standards & Publications → S-1xx. Member States consulting the IHO website at: www.iho.int → Standards & Publications → Recent Publications are also kept informed by a note that these Editions 1.0.0 of S-101 and S-111 Product Specifications *are released for implementation and testing purposes only*.

5. HSSC Members are encouraged to inform the widest range of affected stakeholders about the publication of both first editions, stressing their special status, and motivate them to conduct exhaustive testing and to provide feedback either to S-100WG and TWCWG directly or via the IHO Secretariat.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Luigi Sinapi', written in a cursive style.

Rear Admiral Luigi SINAPI

Chair, HSSC

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