NIPWG Letter 2/20172 February 2017

AMENDMENTS OF M-3 RESOLUTIONS

**References:**

A. NIPWG3 minutes, dated 18 January 2017

B. M-3, dated 2010, Updated to December 2016

Dear colleagues,

The NIPWG was tasked by HSSC to revise those M-3 sections which are relevant for nautical publications on a regular basis.

The sections relevant to nautical publications are 2.4.1 (General), 2.4.2 (Digital), 2.4.4 (Distance Tables), 2.4.5 (Radio Signals), and 2.4.6 (Sailing Directions).

The following proposed amendments base on the fact that:

* general information is available from various internet sources,
* the information will be provided nowadays by ship’s agents more current and more accurate as by nautical publications,
* the information is no longer important for safe navigation, or
* the terms used have been changed since a resolution is in force.

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| **IHO Resolution** | **Topic** | **Decision** |
| 7/2009 | Time Reference | Replace the text by: Where an NP refers to time, the standard used must be stated e.g. UTC, LT (Local Time). |
| 5/1937 | Numbering of types of stations | Replace the title by “Recommended Set of Information” |
|  |  | Replace Item e) by “Operational Hours” |
| 4/1982 as amended | Arrangement of information | Remove item: Transport facilities from the port by sea, road, rail, canal and nearest main airport |
|  |  | Remove item: Density or salinity of water if differing from normal seawater See 9/1962 (C3.14) |
| 4/1937 as amended | Population of town | Remove the section |
| 9/1962 as amended | Density and Salinity of Water | Remove the section |

As discussed during the NIPWG3 meeting, the proposed removal of Resolution 9/1962 as amended requires a cross check by Member States. It is required to investigate whether water density and salinity is included in any member’s publication and if their removal would have a negative impact on the stakeholders.

It is intended to finalise the work on the proposal during the forthcoming NIPWG4 meeting. Therefore, the results of the cross check should be provided by the end of April 2017. The table could be used as feedback template.

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| **Member State** | **Deletion of Resolution** | **Yes/No** | **Remarks** |
|  | 9/1962 as amended |  |  |

The proposed amendments are substantive and should follow a new proposal regime. That means in practice that if the Assembly will agree on the new proposal regime, the proposed amendments should be provided by the Secretary General to submit a draft revised resolution to the first meeting of the Council.

Your feedback is appreciated **by the** **30 April 2017** at the latest. Please note that this is **not a tacit approval letter**.



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