

**Proposal A-3 PRO 3.x from the Council to be submitted
to the 3rd Session of the Assembly**

**Amendments to Article 8 (e) of the General Regulations of the IHO –
Hydrographic Commission on Antarctica (HCA)**

Submitted by:	Secretary-General (as HCA Chair)
Executive Summary:	This paper presents a draft proposal to A-3 to be submitted by the Council for an amendment to Article 8 (e) of the General Regulations of the IHO, as a consequence of the entry into force of the revised Statutes of the HCA in May 2022.
Related Documents:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. Doc. HCA18-03C – Proposal to amend HCA Statutes and Impact (Annex 4). B. HCA Statutes. C. HCA Letter 02/22 – Adoption of the Amendments to the Statutes of the HCA. D. HCA-18 – List of Decisions and Actions.

Introduction

1. The revised Statutes of the HCA entered into force in May 2022 (References A, B and C).
2. Following the adoption of the revised HCA Statutes, HCA agreed that Article 8.e of the General Regulations of the IHO needed to be reconsidered. At its 18th Conference in May 2022, HCA endorsed proposed amendments to Art. 8.e and tasked the HCA Secretariat to submit these proposed amendments for Council's endorsement, then submit it to A-3 as Council proposal for final approval (Reference D, Decision and Action HCA18/06).

Discussion

3. See Draft A-3 Proposal 3.x attached to this document.

Recommendation

Nil.

Action Required of the Council

4. The Council is invited to:
 - a. **endorse** the amendment of Article 8.e of the General Regulations as proposed by HCA.
 - b. **approve** the draft Proposal 3.x as Council proposal to be submitted to A-3 for final approval.
 - b. **take any other actions** that may be required.