



**HCA Letter No. 02/2022**

**IHO Hydrographic Commission on Antarctica (HCA)**

***Adoption of the Amendments to the Statutes of the HCA***

12 April 2022

**To:** HCA Members, Observers

**References:** A. HCA Letter 01/2022, dated 21 February 2022.  
B. Doc. HCA18-03C – *Proposed Amendments to the Statutes*.  
C. HCA Statutes, as approved at HCA-14, Tromsø, Norway – 28-30 June 2016.

Dear Sir or Madam,

1. Following up the 17<sup>th</sup> Conference of the HCA Conference (Action HCA17/03 refers), Reference A called for the approval of the amendments to the HCA Statutes as proposed in Reference B.
2. The HCA Secretariat thanks the fourteen HCA Member States who responded to Reference A: Australia, Brazil, Chile, Ecuador, France, Germany, Italy, New Zealand, Norway, Peru, Spain, United Kingdom, United States of America, and Uruguay.
3. The fourteen HCA Member States supported the adoption of the amendments with no comments. When Reference A was issued, there were 24 IHO Member States in the HCA. In accordance with the provisions of the HCA Statutes in force (Reference C; Art. 10.2), a simple majority of HCA Members is required for approval. As a result, the amendments to the HCA Statutes have been adopted.
4. The HCA Statutes as amended are going to be published on the HCA webpage and will enter into force on 24 May 2022, before the start of the 18<sup>th</sup> HCA Conference in Berlin, Germany (25 – 26 May 2022) as planned in Reference A (Annex A refers).

Yours sincerely,

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