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HYDROGRAPHIC COMMISSION**



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MACHC Letter 08/2021

To: MACHC Full Members

Subject: **Revised Statutes of the MACHC**

References:

A. Statutes of the MACHC as amended by the XVIIth Conference of the Commission in Belém, Brazil (December 2016).

B. MACHC Letter 02/2021.

Dear Esteemed Colleagues,

I am pleased to address you in order to continue with the revision process of the Statutes of the MACHC.

I would like to present the results of the comments received from MACHC Members over the past three months and a half regarding the proposed revised Statutes of the MACHC.

Thank you to all Members who did comment, as requested in MACHC Letter 02/2021, by March 31, 2021. Their editorial corrections, substantive inputs and comments were carefully considered such that, in early April, I was able to issue a document for consideration by the Statutes review team. Besides Brazil, The Netherlands and the former MACHC Chair (USA), the MACHC Vice-Chair has supported this review process. More comments from this review team were provided to me in April.


In general, the comments received were related to MACHC Actions 20.7.1.2 and 21.2.1.1.4 (which have driven the need for the revision). Comments related to these MACHC Actions were accepted, with any conflicts resolved accordingly. Some comments, not related to these MACHC Actions, were also analyzed on a case-by-case basis. At large, where these comments would likely generate substantive discussions or require more time to determine their meaning/understanding, they were not incorporated into the final revised Statutes (but they have been recorded for discussion under the next review cycle). I have tried to reach a balanced compromise.

Noting all of the above, at Annexes A and B, I am pleased to submit to you the proposed updates and improvements to the Statutes of the MACHC (Annex A is the version with tracked changes and Annex B is the clean version).

If there is any need for clarification on the review process and/or on the final draft Statutes of the MACHC, please contact Mr. Rodrigo Obino, MACHC Secretary (obino@marinha.mil.br).

Unless I hear to the contrary by June 30, 2021, I shall assume that MACHC Full Members concur the draft revised Statutes at Annex B. At that stage, I shall forward it to the IHO Secretariat. Your support is very much appreciated.

Sincerely,


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Annexes:

Annex A - Final Draft Statutes of the MACHC in version with track changes

Annex B - Final Draft Statutes of the MACHC in clean version