



IHO INTER-REGIONAL COORDINATION COMMITTEE

IRCC Letter 1/2019

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To: Chair of the WENDWG

Subject: IRCC Instructions to the WENDWG regarding the Decisions of the IHO Council-2 Meeting

References: A. IHO CL 51/2018 dated 29 October - *Outcome of the 2nd Meeting of the IHO Council*.
B. Summary Report of the 2nd Meeting of the IHO Council - dated 19 October 2018.

Dear WENDWG Chair,

1. Reference A informed Member States on the outcome of the 2nd Meeting of the IHO Council (C-2).
2. The summary report of the C-2 meeting (Reference B, Decision C2/27) tasked *IRCC to instruct the WENDWG to include in its next meeting agenda, an initial assessment of the lessons learned from the implementation process of the new IHO Resolution 1/2018 on "Elimination of overlapping ENC data in areas of demonstrable risk to the safety of navigation" since its entry into force.*
3. Reference B (Decision C2/30) also tasked *IRCC to instruct and provide guidance to the WENDWG in order to investigate the applicability of the WEND-like Principles to the production and dissemination of S-101 ENCs and the first generation of S-100 based products.*
4. Accordingly, the Chair of the WENDWG is requested to include the two above topics (Actions C-2/27 and C-2/30 in accordance with Paragraph 2 and 3) in the agenda of the next meeting (WENDWG9) with the following additional guidance:
 - a) Action C2/27: invite Producer Nations, RENCs and RHCs to provide lessons learned, compile the available information and assess the content and usefulness of such lessons that could serve the purpose in the future;
 - b) Action C2/30: provide an initial assessment on the existing WEND Principles (IHO Resolution 1/1997) and other relevant documents and the applicability of such principles for the production and dissemination of products based on S-100 Product Specifications. This assessment should consider the outcome of Action C2/27, the potential impact of other S-100 based products (e.g. S-124) on S-101, the use of S-100 products for the future e-Navigation and autonomous vessels, the requirements of data quality among others.
5. The above topics are to be included in the report of WENDWG Chair to IRCC11 which will be held in June 2019 in Genoa, Italy.

Yours sincerely,
(Signed)
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Chair, IRCC