

**Amendments to the World-Wide Navigational Warning Service
(Resolution A.706(17), as Amended)**

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SUMMARY

Executive Summary: This document contains the proposed changes to Amendments to the World-Wide Navigational Warning Service (Resolution A.70(17), as Amended) as agreed to at the 21st meeting of the IHO's WWNWS Document Review Working Group

Action to be taken: Paragraph 3

Related documents: Resolutions A.705(17) and A.706(17), as amended, respectively; MSC.1/Circ.1310/Rev.1, MSC.1/Circ.1364/Rev.1, MCS.1/Circ.1403/Rev.1

1. Background

The 21st meeting of the IHO's WWNWS Document Review Working Group held two meetings in 2023. It met virtually from 28 February – 2 March 2023, 0900-1200 UTC, and it conducted a hybrid meeting at the IMO from 22-24 May 2023, 0900-1700.

The aim of the 21st meeting was to develop a plan to decrease or eliminate the duplicate text contained in all MSI documents, starting with IMO resolutions MSC.468 (A.705(17)) and MSC.469 (A.706(17)).

2. Discussion

The DRWG agreed to the following changes to IMO resolution MSC.469 (A.706(17)). These changes are reflected in Annex 1 and Annex 2 (track changes):

- 2.1. Maintain a single list of all MSI definitions in IMO resolution MSC.468 (A.705) and refer to this annex in all subsequent MSI resolutions and circulars. (Decision 1 – DRWG21 Actions and Decisions)
- 2.2. Remove “Broadcast Methods” duplicate text from IMO resolution MSC.469, MSC.470 and the Joint IMO/IHO/WMO MSI manual due to duplicate text. Broadcast methods to reside in IOM Resolution MSC.468. (Decision 2 – DRWG21 Actions and Decisions)
- 2.3. The graphic “Geographic Areas for Coordinating and Promulgating NAVAREA/METAREA Warnings” will remain in IMO Resolutions MSC.469 and MSC.470, respectively. Remove those graphics from the Joint IMO/IHO/WMO MSI Manual, the IMO NAVTEX Manual, the International SafetyNET Services Manual, and the Iridium SafetyCast Service Manual. (Decision 5– DRWG21 Actions and Decisions)
- 2.4. Move all references to “Scheduling...Automated Methods...” from IMO Resolution MSC.469 and MSC. 470 to the Joint IMO/IHO/WMO MSI Manual. Delete paragraphs 3.2.2 “Schedule Changes” from both resolutions. IMO Resolution MSC.468 contains similar and

- sufficient guidance in paragraphs 6.4 and 6.5. (Decision 6– DRWG21 Actions and Decisions)
- 2.5. Remove all NAVAREA, Subarea, and National Coordinator “Resources and Responsibilities” from the Joint IMO/IHO/WMO MSI manual. Retain references to “Resources and Responsibilities” in IMO Resolutions MSC.469 and MSC.470. (Decision 7– DRWG21 Actions and Decisions)
 - 2.6. Maintain paragraphs 4.2.1.1 and 4.2.1.2 in IMO resolution MSC.469. Remove paragraph 4.2.1.3 “...subjects suitable for broadcast warnings...” and retain “...subjects suitable for broadcast warnings...” only in the Joint IMO/IHO/WMO MSI manual. Move paragraphs 4.1.2 through 4.1.4 to the Joint IMO/IHO/WMO MSI manual. Only keep paragraph 4.1.1 in MSC.469. (Decision 8– DRWG21 Actions and Decisions)
 - 2.7. Retain paragraphs 5, 5.1 and 5.3 in IMO resolution MSC.469. Retain similar information in MSC.470. Delete paragraphs 5.2 “Numbering” and 5.4 “No warnings”. “Numbering” is already in the Joint IMO/IHO/WMO MSI manual, paragraph 5.1. Delete paragraph 5.2 “Language” from the MSI manual to avoid duplication. Note that “Language” text is different between MSC.469 and MSC.470. (Decision 9– DRWG21 Actions and Decisions)
 - 2.8. Discuss the definitions for and relationships between Sub-area Coordinator, National Coordinator and NAVTEX Coordinator. The aim is to define the responsibilities for each term to clearly distinguish it from the others, and consider if any new terms are needed or any current terms should be deleted. This applies to both NAVAREAs and METAREAs, specifically with respect to the subdivisions within METAREA VIII and METAREA XI, which are not designated as Sub-areas. This could also be a future agenda item at a joint session between the IHO WNWWS-SC and the WMO AG-WWMIWS. (Action 18– DRWG21 Actions and Decisions)
 - 2.9. Decide if MSC.469 should have a new section to define the navigational warning priority, which NAVAREAs assign to every EGC message. The NAVTEX Manual defines priorities in section 11.1. (Action 19– DRWG21 Actions and Decisions)
 - 2.10. Review all MSI documentation and change the term “sea area” to “geographical area” to avoid confusion with sea areas A1, A2, A3 etc. (Action 20 – DRWG21 Actions and Decisions)
 - 2.11. Move para 4.1.5 from MSC.469 to the MSI manual, while removing “listed in para (eg. drifting ice, etc.), to a new para 4.2.4 in the Joint IMO/IHO/WMO manual on Maritime Safety Information. Add the same text from 4.1.5 to the Meteorological section of the Joint manual in consultation with the WWMIWS, reversing the terms METAREA and NAVAREA. (Decision 13– DRWG21 Actions and Decisions)
 - 2.12. Ensure the term “seafarer” is used in lieu of “mariner” throughout all MSI documentation. (Action 23 – DRWG21 Actions and Decisions)
 - 2.13. In MSC.469, reverse the placement for coordinator resources and responsibilities. Responsibilities should be first followed by resources. Add the following text prior to coordinator responsibilities:
 - 2.13.1. “The NAVAREA coordinator should conform with the standards and practices established in the Joint IMO/IHO/WMO Manual on Maritime Safety Information, as revised (MSC.1/Circ.1310/Rev.2)”
 - 2.13.2. “The NAVAREA coordinator has an important role in the promotion and overseeing of these standards in the promulgation of navigational warnings within its NAVAREA. The NAVAREA coordinator should strive to be the focal point of any information affecting safety of navigation in their NAVAREA as well as the point of contact for any administration within the NAVAREA on matters relating to navigational warnings.”
 - 2.13.3. When listing responsibilities, the following text should not be repeated between NAVAREA, Sub-area and National Coordinator responsibilities, as much as practicable.
 - 2.13.4. Add text: “NAVAREA, Subarea and National Coordinators share the following responsibilities:”
 - 2.13.4.1. Endeavor to be informed of all events...
 - 2.13.4.2. Asses all information upon receipt.....

- 2.13.4.3. Select information for broadcast....
- 2.13.4.4. Draft warnings in accordance....
- 2.13.4.5. Direct and control the broadcast...
- 2.13.4.6. Broadcast in force bulletins....
- 2.13.4.7. Promulgate the cancellation of warnings....
- 2.13.4.8. Act as the central point of contact....
- 2.13.4.9. Prompt and oversee the use of international standards....
- 2.13.4.10. Monitor the broadcasts....
- 2.13.4.11. Maintain records of source....
- 2.13.4.12. Contribute to the development....
- 2.13.4.13. Take into account the need for contingency planning...
- 2.13.5. Add the following text for NAVAREA Coordinator: "In addition to the common responsibilities, NAVAREA Coordinators have the following responsibilities:"
 - 2.13.5.1. Forward warning and relevant information...
 - 2.13.5.2. Ensure that information concerning all NavWarnings remain in force...
 - 2.13.5.3. When notified by the authority designated to act on reports of piracy...
 - 2.13.5.4. When notified by the appropriate authority, arrange for broadcast of health information....
 - 2.13.5.5. Coordinating preliminary discussion between neighboring member states ...
 - 2.13.5.6. Ensure that information concerning all navigational warning areas...
- 2.13.6. Add the following text for Sub-area Coordinator: "In addition to the shared responsibilities, Sub-area Coordinators have the following responsibilities:"
 - 2.13.6.1. *Further discussion needed*
 - 2.13.6.2. *Further discussion needed*
 - 2.13.6.3. *Etc.*
- 2.13.7. Add the following text for National Coordinator: "In addition to the shared responsibilities, National Coordinators have the following responsibilities:"
 - 2.13.7.1. *Further discussion needed*
 - 2.13.7.2. *Further discussion needed*
 - 2.13.7.3. *Etc.*

3. Actions requested

Approve actions and decisions from 21st meeting of the IHO WWNWS Document Review Working Group Terms of Reference as they pertain to IMO resolution MSC.469 (A.706(17)).

ANNEX 1

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ANNEX 2

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