

**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.706(17), as Amended) as agreed to at the 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> meeting of the IHO's WWNWS Document Review Working Group

Action to be taken: Paragraph 3

Related documents: WWNWS15/4/2/2, 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 IHO's WWNWS Document Review Working Group (DRWG) held its 22<sup>nd</sup> meeting virtually from 12 – 14 March 2024.

The aim of the 22<sup>nd</sup> meeting was to develop a plan to decrease or eliminate the duplicate text contained in all MSI documents. Below are the actions and decisions with respect to IMO resolution MSC.469 (A.706(17)).

For actions and decision from the 21<sup>st</sup> meeting of the IHO's WWNWS Document Review Working Group concerning IMO resolutions MSC.469 (A.706(17)), please review document [WWNWS15/4/2](#).

## 2. Discussion

DRWG22 agreed to the following changes to IMO resolution MSC.469 (A.706(17)). These changes are reflected in Annex 1 (clean), Annex 2 (track changes) and below is a summary of the actions and decisions:

- 2.1. In the Joint IMO/IHO/WMO MSI manual, delete paragraph 4.1.8 and add it as a new paragraph in section 4.2 as paragraph 4.2.4. Background: paragraph 4.1.8 is duplicate text also found in Resolution A.706, paragraph 4.1.5 (Decision 13 from DRWG21 deleted this duplicate text from A.706). Paragraph 4.1.5 and 4.1.8 state "Some of the subjects for navigational warnings listed in paragraph 4.2.3 (e.g. drifting ice and tsunami warnings) may also be suitable for inclusion in METAREA warnings or forecasts. In this event, appropriate coordination between the relevant NAVAREA and METAREA Coordinators should occur." DRWG22 determined that this text made more sense in section 4.2.

- 2.2. In Resolution A.706, determine at WWNWS16 if the new paragraph 5.2.13, under Coordinator responsibilities, needs additional text to define and clarify what “contingency planning” means.
- 2.3. In Resolution A.706, paragraph 5.3 – Responsibilities unique to a NAVAREA Coordinator, discuss at WWNWS16 the addition of a new responsibility to address requests from Search and Rescue (SAR) authorities to promulgate SAR related information.
- 2.4. In Resolution A.706, added paragraph 3.2.1.2 to address duplication of navigational warnings and that, in general, should be avoided. Paragraph 3.1.1.2: “In general, content should not be replicated across multiple warning types unless the NAVAREA coordinator determines a clear safety benefit to the seafarer.”

### **3. Actions requested**

- 3.1. Approve actions and decisions from the 22<sup>nd</sup> meeting of the IHO WWNWS Document Review Working Group as they pertain to IMO resolution MSC.469 (A.706(17)).
- 3.2. Approve all changes and updates that the DRWG made to IMO resolution MSC.469 (A.706(17)) and agree that the document is ready for submission to the IMO.