

Business Rules for International Hydrographic Organization (IHO) Publication S-32

(See IHO Resolution 7/1929, as amended)

1. S-32 Hydrographic Dictionary Registry is maintained by the Hydrographic Dictionary Working Group (HDWG), a subsidiary body of the Hydrographic Services and Standards Committee (HSSC) of the IHO.
2. IHO Publication S-32 – “The Hydrographic Dictionary” provides definitions for terms commonly encountered within the areas of competence of the IHO.
3. Definitions included in S-32 are intended to cover:
 - Hydrography and Marine Cartography – extensively
 - Geodesy, Land Surveying, Law of the Sea, Mathematics, Navigation and Physics – to the extent required for clarity and to avoid ambiguity. Where possible duplication should be avoided and reference made to the relevant responsible organization.
 - Cartography – to the extent required for the digital use by nautical cartographers. These terms are provided under the responsibility of the custodians of the IHO Geographical Information Items (GII) registry.
4. Terms for inclusion in S-32 Hydrographic Dictionary Registry may be proposed by IHO Member States, IHO Committees and subordinate bodies and the IHO Secretariat. Following consideration by the HDWG, proposals for the inclusion of new definitions or the amendment / retirement of existing definitions will be passed to the HSSC for endorsement prior to circulation to IHO Member States for adoption.
5. Where IHO Member States have adopted an IHO Publication which includes definitions (for example, S-53 – *Joint IMO/IHO/WMO Manual on Maritime Safety Information*) these definitions may, at the discretion of the HSSC, be included in S-32 Hydrographic Dictionary Registry without further reference to IHO Member States.
6. The HDWG will develop a structure and database application to support the IHO S-32 Hydrographic Dictionary Registry terms and definitions from which additional language versions may be created. The HDWG will maintain the contents of the IHO S-32 Hydrographic Dictionary Registry, submitting amendments to HSSC for endorsement and IHO Member States for approval.