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CALL FOR APPROVAL OF EDITION 4.8.0 OF IHO PUBLICATION S-4
- CHART SPECIFICATIONS OF THE IHO

References:

- A. IHO CL 42/2017 dated 23 June - *Adoption of the Revision 4.7.0 of the IHO Publication S-4 - Chart Specifications of the IHO*;
- B. IHO CL 35/2018 dated 14 June - *Outcome of the Tenth Meeting of the Hydrographic Services and Standards Committee (HSSC)*.

Dear Hydrographer,

1. Following the publication of Edition 4.7.0 of the IHO Publication S-4 - *Regulations of the IHO for International (INT) Charts and Chart Specifications of the IHO* (see Reference A), the Nautical Cartography Working Group (NCWG) has continued to maintain this publication, as directed by its programme of work and in accordance with section B-160 of the document.
2. At its 10th meeting in May 2018, the Hydrographic Services and Standards Committee (HSSC) endorsed the changes to Edition 4.7.0 of S-4 proposed by the NCWG and tasked the Working Group to finalize the resulting draft Edition 4.8.0 and forward it to the IHO Secretariat for circulation to IHO Member States, for their consideration and approval (see Reference B - action HSSC10/42).
3. The draft Edition 4.8.0 (English version only) is now available on the IHO website at: www.iho.int > Standards & Publications > Draft Publications Awaiting Approval by Member States. The document is supplemented by an explanatory note (English version only) listing the changes included in the proposed revision.
4. Member States are requested to take into account the endorsement of the HSSC and to consider the adoption of Edition 4.8.0 of S-4 by providing their reply on the Voting Form, provided in Annex A, at their earliest convenience and **no later than 7 September 2018**. The corresponding versions in French (maintained by the Secretariat) and Spanish (maintained by the Hydrographic Office of Spain) are under preparation and will be published after the adoption of Edition 4.8.0 of S-4 by the Member States.

On behalf of the Secretary-General

Yours sincerely,

Abri KAMPFER
Director

Annex A: Voting Form

S-4 - CHART SPECIFICATIONS OF THE IHO
Approval of Edition 4.8.0

Voting Form

(to be returned to the IHO Secretariat by 7 September 2018)

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Note: The boxes will expand as you type your answers.

Member State:

Contact:

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Do you approve the adoption of Edition 4.8.0 of S-4 (*tick the appropriate box*)?

YES

NO

If you answer 'NO', please explain your reasons in the comment section below.

Comments:

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Signature:

Date:
