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CALL FOR APPROVAL OF NEW EDITION 6.0.0 OF PUBLICATION C-51
“MANUAL ON TECHNICAL ASPECTS OF THE UNITED NATIONS CONVENTION ON
THE LAW OF THE SEA – 1982”

References:

- A. IHO CL 43/2014 dated 13 June – *Publication C-51 New Edition 5.0.0*.
- B. 11th Meeting of the Hydrographic Services and Standards Committee - *List of Decisions 11/65*.
- C. IHO CL 20/2019 dated 28 March - *The IHO Online Form System for Responses to Circular Letters and Input to IHO Publications (P-5 and C-55)*.

Dear Hydrographer,

1. Edition 5.0.0 of Publication C-51 – *Manual on Technical Aspects of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea – 1982* – was published in 2014 (Reference A). The Manual provides guidance on the technical aspects of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea - 1982 (UNCLOS) and has been developed through collaboration with the United Nations Division on Ocean Affairs and Law of the Sea (DOALOS). The purpose of C-51 is to ensure maximum international standardization of the technical aspects related to UNCLOS. The maintenance of C-51 is the responsibility of the Advisory Board on the Law of the Sea (ABLOS), which is a co-sponsored group under the auspices of the International Hydrographic Organization (IHO) and the International Association of Geodesy (IAG).

2. After completion and publication of the Edition 5.0.0, it was recognised that work was required on chapter 3 covering nautical charts and projections to reflect the introduction of the revised carriage requirements for electronic navigational charts (ENCs) as laid down in the International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea (SOLAS) 1974, as amended, Chapter V. In accordance with its work plan, ABLOS established an Editorial Group to prepare a draft new Edition 6.0.0 of C-51. The draft Edition 6.0.0 contains a comprehensive revision of chapter 3, which addresses the use of both ENCs and traditional paper charts. In addition the opportunity was taken to harmonize, where possible, the Glossary contained in Appendix 1 with the IHO publication S-32 – *IHO Hydrographic Dictionary* – and the IHO GI Registry to ensure consistency of terminology.

3. The draft Edition 6.0.0 of C-51 was reviewed and recommended by ABLOS at its last business meeting and endorsed by the Hydrographic Services and Standards Committee (HSSC) at its 11th meeting. A copy of the draft Edition 6.0.0 of C-51 (English version) is now available for inspection on the IHO website at Home > Standards & Publications > Download > Draft Publications Awaiting Approval by Member States > C-51

(http://www.iho.int/iho_pubs/IHO_Download.htm#draft).

4. Member States are requested to take into account the endorsement by the ABLOS and HSSC at their last meetings and are invited to consider the adoption of this new Edition 6.0.0 by providing their reply at their earliest convenience and no later than **28 February 2020** by email (cl-lc@iho.int) or by fax (+377 93 10 81 40) when using the Voting Form in Annex A, but preferably using the IHO Online Form System (see Reference C) by accessing the following link:

https://IHO.formstack.com/forms/cl61_2019

On behalf of the Secretary-General
Yours sincerely,



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Annex:

A. Voting Form

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Voting Form

*(to be returned to the IHO Secretariat **by 28 February 2020**)*

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