



Hydrographic Services and Standards Committee

Proposal by the
TSMAD WG Chairman

Proposed Revision to S-99

*Operational Procedures for the Organization and Management of
the S-100 Geospatial Information Registry*

Introduction

- ✦ S-99 describes the roles, responsibilities and procedures for operating and managing the S-100 Geospatial Information Registry and its component Registers. S-99 edition 1.0.0 was adopted by Member States in January 2011.
- ✦ TSMAD, at its 24th meeting in May, considered a number of revisions and minor editorial amendments to the current edition to take into account feedback and experience in the practical use of the S-100 registry



Analysis / Discussion

- ✦ The proposed revisions are primarily theoretical in nature rather than substantive and concern the way of conceptualising the notion of domains
- ✦ one substantive change is to extend the time allowed for the register Control Bodies to raise objections to proposals from 30 days to 60 days

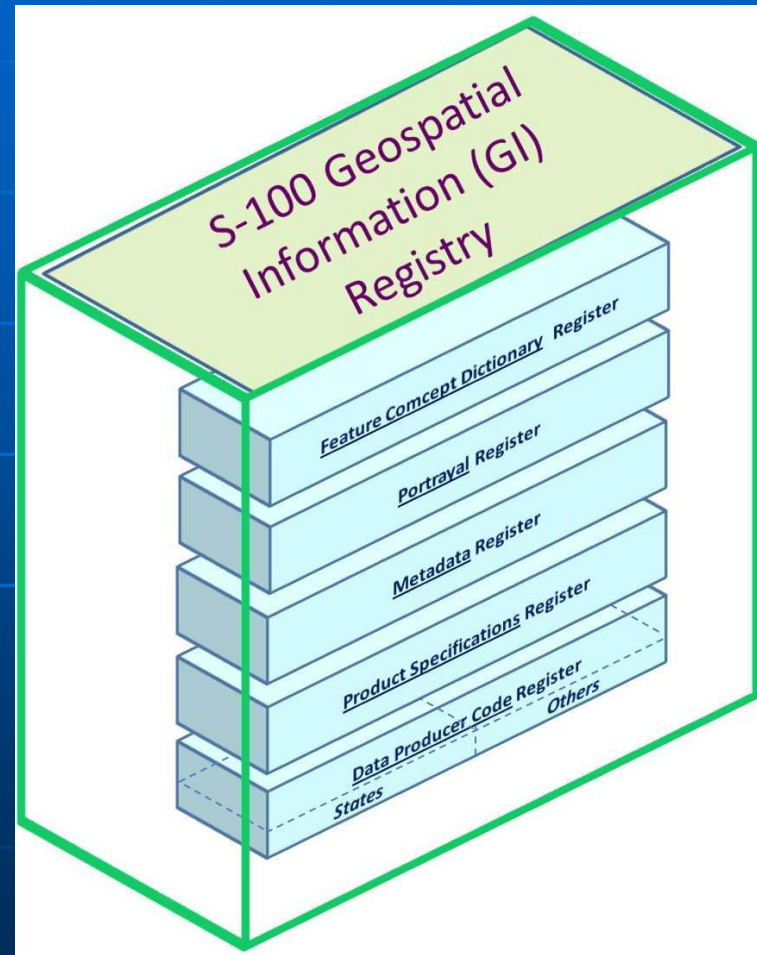
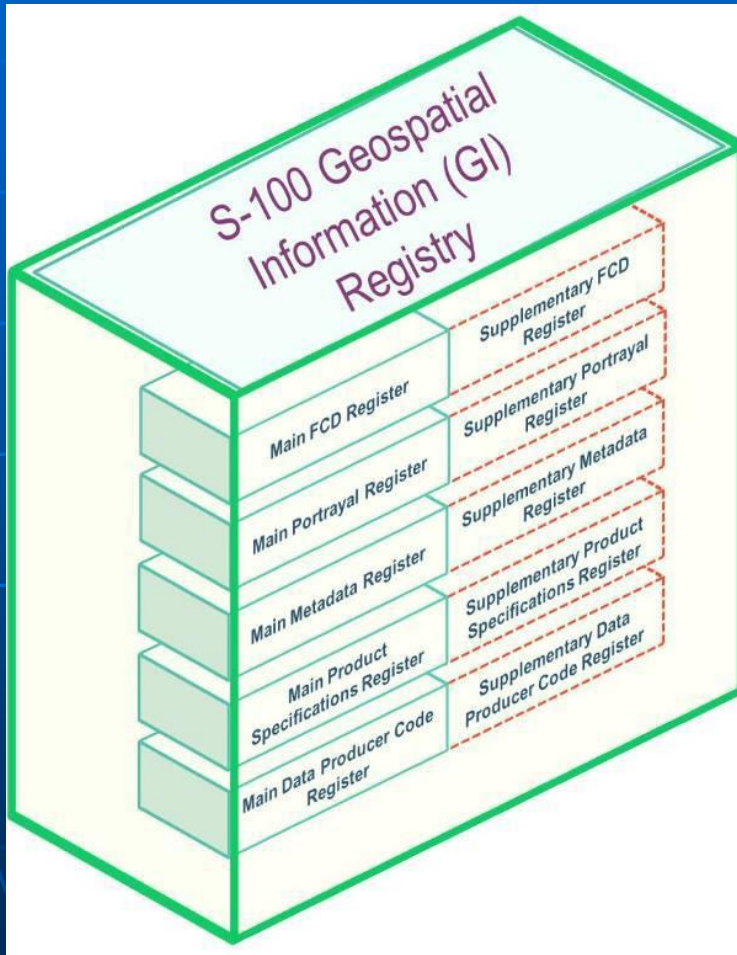


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- ✦ Ending the concept of Main and Supplementary Registers
 - Introduced to indicate to potential registry user that it was open to non-IHO users on an open and non-restrictive basis
 - In reality the database itself merely holds items which are neither product or organization specific. Domains only identify ownership by groups who have a particular knowledge and experience in a specific area
 - IALA observed that the artificial division between Main and Supplementary could lead to confusion and deter registry use
 - In reality all entries in the registry are available to any organization (e.g. Inland ENC)



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- ✦ Extension of the time limit for raising objections to proposals for changes in the registers
 - Proposal extends time limit from 30 to 60 days
 - Allows more time for Control Bodies to consult their expert groups (if necessary) before giving a decision on a proposal
 - It will also provide more time to cater for absences and extended holidays



Recommendations

- ✦ The HSSC is recommended to endorse S-99 edition 1.1.0 and to recommend its adoption by Member States.



Action requested of HSSC

HSSC is requested to:

Endorse S-99 edition 1.1.0.

Recommend to MS that S-99 edition 1.1.0 be adopted forthwith to replace the existing edition 1.0.0 dated January 2011.

