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**CIRCULAR LETTER 30/2002
9 August 2002**

**IHO SPECIAL PUBLICATION S-23 – NAMES AND LIMITS OF OCEANS AND SEAS
(4th Edition, English version, Final Draft)**

Reference: IHB CL 55/2001 dated 7 November 2001.

Dear Sir,

Attached is the Final Draft of the above Publication. Where possible all Member States' comments on the initial draft, distributed under cover of the above-referenced Circular Letter, have been incorporated and all reservations submitted to the IHB are included in Appendix A to the publication and any further reservations received will also be inserted.

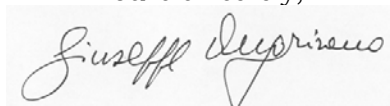
It should be noted that pages 7-16 and 7-17 are not included¹. For over three years the IHB has endeavoured to finalize these two pages without success. It is obvious that this matter is of a highly sensitive political nature and is not a technical one. It is therefore beyond the mandate of the IHB to comment further. It is not possible to indicate when these pages will be included, but an addendum could be issued covering this matter at a later stage.

The last edition (3rd) of S-23 approved by the IHO is dated 1953. It is outdated and has been out of stock for a long time. The Draft 1986 edition did not receive the number of required votes for IHO approval.

As an enormous amount of work and due diligence have gone into the preparation of the current draft of S-23 and as the importance of this publication is well appreciated, Member States are urged to complete and return the attached Voting Paper to the IHB **by 30 November 2002 at the latest**. In the case of this technical issue, Article VI, paragraph 6 of the IHO Convention applies. This means that, for this publication to be approved, the required number of votes in favour must exceed half of the total number of Member States (i.e. a simple majority) entitled to vote (on the date of this CL, 69 Member States are entitled to vote).

It is envisaged that the 4th Edition of S-23 will be published by April 2003, if this final draft is approved by Member States.

On behalf of the Directing Committee
Yours sincerely,



Rear Admiral Giuseppe ANGRISANO
President

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- Annex I – Voting Paper

¹ Refer to pages 7.15 and 7.16 in the draft distributed with CL 55/2001.

Member State:

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VOTING PAPER

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Do you approve the Final Draft (June 2002) of IHO Publication S-23, 4th Edition, English version ?

Yes

No

Comments or Reservations, if any (Reservations will be included in Appendix A to S-23):

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