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**IHO PUBLICATION M-8
STANDARDS OF COMPETENCE FOR NAUTICAL CARTOGRAPHERS**

Dear Hydrographer,

Reference is made to CL No. 42/2002 dated 27 September 2002.

The IHB would like to thank Australia, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Finland, France, Norway, Pakistan, Sweden and UK for providing valuable comments on the draft version of the IHO Publication M-8 - **"STANDARDS OF COMPETENCE FOR NAUTICAL CARTOGRAPHERS"**.

The IHB has considered all the editorial amendments suggested, and has provided the FIG/IHO/ICA International Advisory Board on Standards of Competence for Hydrographic Surveyors and Nautical Cartographers with those proposals which need further consideration, in particular those proposing the inclusion of GIS in a more detailed way.

It is envisaged that, at the next meeting of the International Advisory Board (3-9 June 2003), the final version of the M-8 will be approved and that the IHB will then be able to post it on the IHO web site. Also the IHB will initiate the preparation of the French and Spanish versions of this important publication; this activity is in line with the priority assigned to training and capacity building issues.

On behalf of the Directing Committee,
Yours sincerely,

(original signed)

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Director