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- Reference:
- 1) IHB Circular Letter 64/2002 dated 19 December 2002
 - 2) IHB Circular Letter 2/2003 dated 8 January 2003

Dear Hydrographer,

Circular Letters 64/2002 and CL 2/2003 respectively announced editions 1.0 and 1.1 of IHO publication S-62. Subsequently, minor changes in the publication resulted in editions 1.2 (March 2003) and 1.3 (October 2004), which were made available on the IHO website.

As a result of the success of the IHO standard S-57 and its recognition in non-IHO circles as a powerful and efficient geographic data transfer standard, a number of geospatial data producing agencies / companies have embarked upon S-57 data production, usually for non-hydrographic purposes. The S-57 format requires that file headers include two-character producer codes. As a result, a procedure for registering such non-IHO producer codes was implemented on the Open ECDIS Forum (OEF). To date, around 60 producer codes have been registered on the OEF (www.openecd.org).

The IHB was recently approached by the OEF operator in order to harmonize the register of producer codes on the OEF and the content of S-62, so as to avoid any confusion for the users. After examination of both documents, it was agreed that the former section of S-62 on “International Organizations” would be better located on the OEF and that the title of S-62 should be simplified to “ENC Producer Codes”, as it is very unlikely that any of those international organizations will produce ENC data. The only exception is the necessary IHO code, e.g. for the ENC test data in S-64, which has been included in the last section “Others” of S-62. A reference to the relocation on the OEF of the “International Organizations” section has been included in the foreword.

The above described changes warrant that the new edition be numbered 2.0 (rather than 1.4). [Edition 2.0 of S-62](#) is available on the IHO website. Any comments on this new edition will be welcome.

On behalf of the Directing Committee
Yours sincerely,

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