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NEW AND REVISED CHART SPECIFICATIONS
*Archipelagic Sea Lanes, Areas To Be Avoided, No Anchoring Areas
and Environmentally Sensitive Sea Areas*

AND NEW SYMBOL FOR
Entry Prohibited

References:

- A. **IHO CL 46/2004 New And Revised Paper Chart Specifications:** Archipelagic Sea Lanes (ASL), Environmentally Sensitive Sea Areas (ESSA) & IMO Areas to be Avoided (ATBA)
- B. **IHO CL 49/2004 New Paper Chart Specification:** Entry Prohibited or Prohibited Area.
- C. **Publication M-4 - Part B: Chart Specifications of the IHO.**
- D. **IHO CL 75/2003: IHO Publication M-4**

Dear Hydrographer,

Following the expiry of the three-month consultation periods, the following have now been adopted:

1. New specifications and chart symbols originally promulgated in IHO CL 46/2004 (reference A):
 - Areas to be Avoided (ATBA) B-435.7
 - Archipelagic Sea Lanes (ASL) B-435.10
 - IMO No Anchoring Areas B-435.11, and
 - Environmentally Sensitive Sea Areas (ESSA) B-437
2. New symbol originally promulgated in IHO CL 49/2004 (reference B):
 - Entry prohibited, affecting B-439.3, B-439.4 and B-441.6

Minor amendments were made to the draft specifications as a result of comments received and discussed at the first Chart Standardization and Paper Chart WG in Monaco (3-5 November 2004). The agreed specifications are available from the page "[Maintenance of IHO Publication M-4](#)" on the IHO website.

As the new or revised specifications in (1) above cannot be included in M-4 (reference C) without causing changes to the page numbers, they have been added to the IHO web site (in accordance with reference D) as 'stand-alone' documents created in the planned new format for M-4. They will be incorporated into a new digital format version of M-4 to be posted on the web site, scheduled for early in 2005.

The new symbol for 'Entry Prohibited' at (2) above can be included in the existing M-4 without affecting the page numbering, so an old format version of the revised specification is available on the IHO web site, which can be printed off to replace the existing pages in any hard copies which may still be in use.

A new page B-400.iv, including the changes, is attached at annex. It is also suggested the following changes be made in manuscript to any hard copies of M-4, as a temporary measure until the new format M-4 is available:

- On the List of Effective Pages, amend B-400.iv, B-400.55, 56 and 63 to Corr. 1-2005.
- On the Contents page (B-400.vii) amend B-437 to 'Environmentally Sensitive Sea Areas (ESSA)'

A revision of the official English language version of INT 1, which will include the new symbols, is currently being prepared by the German Hydrographic Office (BSH).

Paper copies of the new / revised specifications can be provided on request to the IHB (info@ihb.mc).

On behalf of the Directing Committee

Yours sincerely,



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Director

Annex A: New page B-400.iv (M-4)

Annex A to CL 01/2005

Specification Number	Amendment Number	Circular Letters		Remarks
		Promul-Gated by	Approved by	
B-435	1-1994	47/1993	15/1994	Amendment to the graphic
B-435.7	1-1994	44/1993	15/1994	Amendment to the 2nd sentence of a.
B-445.4	1-1994	44/1993	15/1994	Amendment to the 3rd sentence
B-450	1-1994	44/1993	15/1994	Amendment to para. a, b and d
B-452.8	1-1994	44/1993	15/1994	Updating of symbols used in the example
B-460.4	1-1994	44/1993	15/1994	Amendment to 2nd sentence and to 2nd sentence of para. b; deletion of b.i; b.ii and b.iii relettered b.i and b.ii.
B-460.5	1-1994	44/1993	15/1994	Amendment to 1st sentence
B-462	1-1994	44/1993	15/1994	Amendment to 3rd sentence
B-462.1	1-1994	44/1993	15/1994	Amendment to 3rd sentence
B-462.8	1-1994	44/1993	15/1994	Amendment to the specification
B-462.9	1-1994	44/1993	15/1994	Amendment to the specification
B-470	1-1994	44/1993	15/1994	Amendment to the specification
B-470.3	1-1994	44/1993	15/1994	Amendment to 1st sentence
B-470.5	1-1994	44/1993	15/1994	Amendment to 4th paragraph
B-470.7	1-1994	44/1993	15/1994	Amendment to last sentence
B-472.1	1-1994	44/1993	15/1994	Amendment to para. d.
B-474-B – 474.5	1-1994	44/1993	15/1994	New specifications
B-474.6 – B-474.7	1-1994	44/1993	15/1994	Deleted
B-432.1	1-1995	40/1994	40/1995	Amendment to para. d and following
B-433.1	1-1995	40/1994	40/1995	Amendment to 1st sentence
B-433.6	1-1995	40/1994	40/1995	Deleted
B-481.2	1-1995	40/1994	40/1995	Amendment to the specification
B-486.1	1-1995	40/1994	40/1995	Amendment to 2nd paragraph
B-486.2	1-1995	40/1994	40/1995	Amendment after "use)."
B-486.3 – B-486.4	1-1995	40/1994	40/1995	Amendment to both specifications
B-486.5	1-1995	40/1994	40/1995	New specification
B-486.3	1-2001	40/1995	63/1996	Amendment to the Specification
B-435.7	1-2005	46/2004	01/2005	'Stand-alone' revised specification
B-435.10	1-2005	46/2004	01/2005	'Stand-alone' new specification
B-435.11	1-2005	46/2004	01/2005	'Stand-alone' new specification
B-437	1-2005	46/2004	01/2005	'Stand-alone' new specification
B-439.3 – B-439.4	1-2005	49/2004	01/2005	New symbol
B-441.6	1-2005	49/2004	01/2005	New symbol