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**REVISED SECTION B-200 FOR
CHART SPECIFICATIONS OF THE IHO (M-4)**

- References:
- 1) Publication M-4 – Part B: Chart Specifications of the IHO.
 - 2) Publication M-3 : Technical Resolutions of the IHO.
 - 3) Circular Letter 12/2005 dated 21 January 2005

Dear Hydrographer,

1. The Chart Standardization and Paper Chart Working Group (CSPCWG) is continuing with the review and revision of M-4 Part B. Following the revision of Section B-100 (CL 12/2005 refers), the WG has now completed a draft revision of [Section B-200](#), which is available on the IHO website (www.iho.shom.fr > Committees > CHRIS > CSPCWG > IHO Publication M-4), for Member States to examine.
2. This revision includes many improvements to the text, to make it more consistent with other parts of M-4, and numerous minor amendments, amplifications and updates. Noteworthy changes from the existing section B-200 are listed in Annex A.
3. IHO Technical Resolutions B 1.1, B 2.10, B 2.13, B 2.14 and B 2.15 have been included in the revision, and it is proposed to cancel them when the proposed revision of M-4 Part B-200 comes into force.
4. Member States are requested to complete the response form at **Annex B** and review the proposed revision. According to Specification B-160, Member States should inform the IHB (info@ihb.mc) if they have any major objections to the adoption of the revised section B-200, or any other comments, within three months. Therefore, the response form and Member States' comments should reach the IHB no later than **22 July 2005**. If no objections are received, the IHB will announce in a follow-up Circular Letter that the revised section has come into force.

On behalf of the Directing Committee
Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'K. Barbor', is written over a horizontal line.

Rear Admiral Kenneth BARBOR
Director

Annex A: Revised Section B-200 for Chart Specifications of the IHO (M-4):
Noteworthy Changes from Existing Version.

Annex B: Proposal to Cancel Technical Resolutions: Response Form

**REVISED SECTION B-200 FOR
CHART SPECIFICATIONS OF THE IHO (M-4)
NOTEWORTHY CHANGES FROM EXISTING VERSION**

- The Section has a new title.
- The contents of Technical Resolution B1.1 have been included at B-201.
- The contents of Technical Resolution B2.10 have been included at B-202. The information from the former B-231 has been included in here, to bring together the advice on horizontal datum references and transformation notes.
- The section B-210 has been renamed Chart Construction, and specifications for Scale, Border Graduation, Graticule, Corner Co-ordinates and Grids have been expanded and brought together in this section. (This leaves the former B-230 section vacant).
- The contents of Technical Resolution B2.15 have been included at B-241 (although the advice about printing the title on a slip of paper and pasting to the back of the chart has been omitted – a matter for individual HOs to decide). A note about IALA buoyage has also been added here.
- The contents of Technical Resolution B2.14 have been included at B-252. The word ‘originally’ has been omitted from the publication note (B-252.4) for adopted charts, as it caused confusion over whether ‘originally’ referred to **who** originally published the chart, or **when** was it originally published.
- The contents of Technical Resolution B2.13 have been included at B-254.
- The ‘points circle’ has been omitted from specification B-261.
- Further advice on the positioning of compass roses has been provided at B-262.
- The specifications for Bearings convention (formerly B-263) have been transferred to B-132.
- Further clarifications have been provided on when it is appropriate to use magnetic variation lines (isogonals) at B-272.

Note: Sections B-170 to B-178 will be moved to B-290 to B-298 on publication of the revised Section B-200, as notified in IHO CL 12/2005.

**IHO TECHNICAL RESOLUTIONS
Publication M-3**

Response Form

(to be returned to the IHB by 22 July 2005

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Member State:

1. Do you agree that the following IHO Technical Resolutions, which have been included in the revision of M-4 Part B-200, be cancelled when this revision comes into force:

- TR B1.1 **WORLD WIDE AND REGIONAL HORIZONTAL DATUMS** – see B-201,
- TR B2.10 **INDICATION ON CHARTS OF RELATIONSHIP OF HORIZONTAL DATUM TO WORLD-WIDE AND OTHER DATUMS** – see B-202,
- TR B2.13 **REFERENCE TO OTHER CHARTS OF THE SAME AREA** – see B-254,
- TR B2.14 **STANDARDIZATION OF DATING OF CHARTS** – see B-252. and
- TR B2.15 **TRANSLATION OF TITLE** – see B-241.

YES

NO

Comments :

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Signature :

Date :