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**REVISED SECTION B-100 FOR  
CHART SPECIFICATIONS OF THE IHO (M-4)**

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

Dear Hydrographer,

Circular Letter 12/2005 announced that the Chart Specifications and Paper Chart Working Group (CSPCWG) had completed a revision of the first section of M-4 Part B (B-100) and that it was available on the IHO website for Member States to examine. The same CL also reported that IHO Technical Resolutions A2.6, B1.12, B3.3 and B3.18 had been included in the proposed revision, and, as a result, Member States were requested to approve their deletion from M-3 when the revised M-4 Part B-100 comes into force.

The Bureau thanks the following 38 Member States who responded: Algeria, Argentina, Australia, Belgium, Brazil, Canada, Chile, Colombia, Croatia, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Greece, Iceland, Italy, Japan, Rep. of Korea, Monaco, Morocco, Mozambique, Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Oman, Peru, Poland, Portugal, Russian Federation, Serbia & Montenegro, Singapore, Slovenia, South Africa, Spain, Sweden, Tunisia, United Kingdom and USA. No objection was raised concerning the revision of M-4 B-100, which is therefore approved. Comments were received from Chile (use of black colour versus magenta for charting compass roses) and Canada (use of the term “revised reprint” versus “reprint”), which were, or are being, forwarded to the Chair of CSPCWG for further action. Also, the proposal to cancel TRs A2.6, B1.12, B3.3 and B3.18 received support from 36 MS, i.e. the required number of positive votes, and is therefore adopted. Publication M-3 will be updated accordingly.

A new version 3.001 of M-4, incorporating the approved revision of Section B-100, will soon be produced and published on the IHO website ([www.iho.shom.fr](http://www.iho.shom.fr) > Publications > Catalogue > M-4). Changes to Section B-100 will be reflected in the French and Spanish versions of M-4, the digital forms of which are in preparation.

Member States that have not yet responded to CL40/2005 regarding revisions of M-4 B-200 are encouraged to do so. The CSPCWG actively pursues the revision of all the remaining sections of M-4 Part B. MS are invited to contribute to this work through their representatives on CSPCWG.

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.

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