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References:

IHO CL 48/2006 dated 22 June 2006: Revised Section B-400 of M-4
Publication M-4 – Part B: Chart Specifications of the IHO

Dear Hydrographer,

1. The Circular Letter in reference 1 reported on the Member States' approval of the revision of section B-400 to B-429 of M-4, as completed by the CSPCWG, as well as of a new standard format for geographical positions (Spec. B-131).

2. As a result <u>version 3.003 of M-4 (English)</u>, dated August 2006, incorporating the new Section B-400 to B-429 and Spec. B-131, has been prepared by the CSPCWG and placed on the IHO website (see <u>www.iho.shom.fr</u> > Publications > Download List).

3. As mentioned in the above CL, the CSPCWG is currently revising Specifications B-430 to B-439. The other remaining sections of B-400 will follow. Member States are invited to continue contributing to this work through their representatives on CSPCWG. The next CSPCWG meeting will take place at the IHB on 22-24 November 2006.

4. Translation in French and Spanish of the relevant changes to M-4 is currently being processed.

On behalf of the Directing Committee

Yours sincerely,

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