



THIS CIRCULAR LETTER REQUIRES YOU TO VOTE

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LIST OF BOOKLETS ON CHART SYMBOLS AND ABBREVIATIONS
PUBLISHED BY VARIOUS MARITIME COUNTRIES
PUBLICATION M-15 AND TECHNICAL RESOLUTION K1.1

- References:
- a) IHB CL 20/2004 dated 19 March
 - b) Publication M-3 *Resolutions of the IHO*

Dear Hydrographer,

1 The *List of Booklets on Chart Symbols and Abbreviations published by various maritime countries*, originally issued as IHO Publication MP-008, was discontinued in 1993, when it was included in the printed I.H. Bulletin at the beginning of each year. When the I.H. Bulletin was discontinued in its printed form, as from 2002, the list was moved to the IHO website. Following suggestion by the IHO/CHRIS Chart Specification and Paper Chart Working Group (CSPCWG) that this list be given again an IHO publication number, for convenience when referring to it, the list was published as M-15¹ in February 2004 (see reference a). Most of the "booklets" listed in M-15 are national variants of the official IHO INT 1.

2 This list is published in accordance with IHO Technical Resolution K1.1 (1972), which says:

"It is resolved that the IHB shall compile a list of the sheets of Chart Symbols and Abbreviations produced by the various maritime nations and distribute this list to Member States.

This list shall be brought up to date periodically by notification in the monthly Bulletin or by other appropriate means".

3 In accordance with Task 3.1.3 of the 2008-2012 IHO Work Programme, the CSPCWG had been tasked to "Revise, develop and maintain Publication M-15". A [revised edition of M-15](#) was prepared at the IHB (see www.iho.int > Committees & WGs > CHRIS/CSPCWG > CSPCWG 5 Documents > CSPCWG5-10.2A rev.1), and was subsequently examined by the CSPCWG at its 5th meeting (Sydney, Australia, 18-21 November 2008). After careful consideration, the CSPCWG decided to recommend that the publication of M-15 be discontinued on the grounds that it is obsolete and no longer considered useful.

4 It follows that if the publication of M-15 is discontinued, as recommended by the CSPCWG, then TR K1.1 should be cancelled. Member States are therefore requested to indicate whether they agree that M-15 be discontinued and, consequently, that TR K1.1 be deleted from Publication M-3 *Resolutions of the IHO* (reference b), by returning to the IHB the voting form at **Annex A** before 1 March 2009.

On behalf of the Directing Committee
Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Robert Ward', is written over a white background.

Captain Robert WARD
Director

Annex A. Voting form

¹ The original number of the publication, i.e. 8, had meanwhile been attributed to another IHO publication.

VOTING FORM

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Technical Resolution K1.1 and Publication M-15

Note: The boxes will expand as you type your answers.

Member State :

Contact :

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YES or NO?

Do you agree to the discontinuation of Publication M-15 and the consequent deletion of TR K1.1 ?

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IF NO:

Please indicate the reason :

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Comments :

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Signature :

Date :
