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**PROMULGATION OF MARITIME SAFETY INFORMATION  
JOINT IMO/IHO/WMO MANUAL ON MARITIME SAFETY INFORMATION  
AND IHO PUBLICATIONS S-53 AND S-53 APPENDIX 1**

- References:
- a) CL 70/2008 dated 12 September
  - b) CL 84/2008 dated 28 October
  - c) CL 9/2009 dated 6 February
  - d) CL 41/2009 dated 17 June

Dear Hydrographer,

1 Reference a) circulated the draft text of the Joint IMO/IHO/WMO Manual on Maritime Safety Information and IHO Publication S-53 and S-53 Appendix 1, which had been prepared by the Commission on the Promulgation of Radio Navigational Warnings (CPRNW) now the World-Wide Navigational Warnings Sub-Committee (WNNWS). Reference b) reported on the comments on the draft text made by Member States and the submission of the final draft to the IMO Sub-Committee on Communications and Search and Rescue (COMSAR). Reference c) reported on its approval by COMSAR 13 and Reference d) on its subsequent adoption by the IMO Maritime Safety Committee (MSC) at its 86<sup>th</sup> session.

2 The IMO has subsequently issued MSC Circular 1310 providing the text of the Joint IMO/IHO/WMO Manual on Maritime Safety Information which will come into force on 1 January 2011. As reported at References a) and b) the IHB has now prepared a new Edition of S-53 dated July 2009 which mirrors the Joint MSI Manual with the exception of a revised Preface and Chapter 10 on the amendment procedure. This revised edition will also come into force on 1 January 2011 but is now available from the IHO web site. S-53 (July 2009) Appendix 1 provides the operational points of contact for NAVAREA and Sub-Area Coordinators and Member States are requested to advise the IHB of any changes to these details as soon as they are available. The Appendix will be corrected as soon as revised information is received.

On behalf of the Directing Committee  
Yours sincerely,

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