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PROMULGATION OF MARITIME SAFETY INFORMATION
INTERNATIONAL SafetyNET MANUAL

Reference: IHB CL 65/2009 dated 25 September

Dear Hydrographer,

1 As reported at the reference the IHO World-Wide Navigational Warning Service Sub-Committee (WWNWS) has been reviewing the text of the International SafetyNET Manual. Representatives of the World Meteorological Organization (WMO) and Inmarsat Ltd have participated extensively in this work. Advice and assistance were also received from the Secretariat of the International Maritime Organization (IMO).

2 This review has taken into consideration amendments required following the adoption of revised IMO resolutions A.705(17) as amended, Promulgation of Maritime Safety Information, and A.706(17) as amended, IMO/IHO World-Wide Navigational Warning Service Guidance Document and the Joint IMO/IHO/WMO Manual on Maritime Safety Information. The opportunity has also been taken to update and restructure the manual into a more useful and user friendly format.

3 The draft revised text for the International SafetyNET Manual is available from the IHO web site www.iho.int > Committees > WWNWS "Review of SafetyNET Manual"; or follow the link:

<http://www.iho-ohi.net/english/committees-wg/ircc/wwwws.html>

Two files are available: one showing the changes to the existing text; and due to the extensive changes made one showing a clean final text.

4 Member States are requested to provide comments on the revised draft SafetyNET Manual **by Monday 9 November** in order that the final text can be prepared for submission to IMO COMSAR 14.

On behalf of the Directing Committee
Yours sincerely,

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