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**PROMULGATION OF MARITIME SAFETY INFORMATION  
INTERNATIONAL SafetyNET MANUAL**

Reference: IHB CL 68/2009 dated 14 October 2009

Dear Hydrographer,

1 The IHB thanks the following Member States who replied to the reference: Argentina; Brazil; Canada; Chile; Finland; France; Greece; South Africa; Spain; Sweden and the UK. All replies fully supported the work undertaken by the WWNWS Sub-Committee in revising the International SafetyNET Manual. Some Member States provided editorial corrections and some further editorial corrections were received from WWNWS members in Australia, UK and the USA. These comments have been included as appropriate.

2 The draft Manual on which Member States were invited to comment included at Annex 3 the text of a revised IMO resolution A.664(16) which the IHO is submitting separately to COMSAR 14. Following discussions with the IMO Secretariat, the IHB discovered that whilst the International SafetyNET Manual could be adopted by MSC 87 in May 2010, the revised resolution A.664(16) as amended, could only be endorsed by MSC and would have to await IMO Assembly 27 in December 2011 for adoption. This would therefore require that the existing text of A.664(16) be included in the manual. WWNWS did not consider it appropriate to have the revised manual published with already obsolete information included. Consequently the annex containing resolution A.664(16) as amended has been removed from the text being submitted to COMSAR 14. References to the Annex have been amended to refer to the resolution directly and the remaining annexes renumbered as appropriate. During this review process it also became apparent that IMO resolution A.701(17) required minor updating to remain consistent with the other texts. A revised text of this resolution has been drafted, with the close assistance of Inmarsat, and this will also be submitted to COMSAR 14 for consideration.

3 The draft revised text for the International SafetyNET Manual as submitted to COMSAR 14 is available from the IHO web site [www.iho.int](http://www.iho.int) > Committees > WWNWS "Review of SafetyNET Manual"; or follow the link:

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

The draft submission on the revision of resolutions A.664(16) and A.701(17) is also available. These will be replaced by the IMO COMSAR documents when they are issued by IMO.

On behalf of the Directing Committee  
Yours sincerely,

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