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PROMULGATION OF MARITIME SAFETY INFORMATION
DRAFT REVISED NAVTEX MANUAL

Reference: IHB CL 57/2010 dated 06 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 NAVTEX Manual. Representatives of the World Meteorological Organization (WMO) and the International Mobile Satellite Organization (IMSO) 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 the Joint IMO/IHO/WMO Manual on Maritime Safety Information and the International SafetyNET Manual. The opportunity has also been taken to update and restructure the manual into a more useful and user friendly format.

3 As shown in Annex 3 to the revised draft manual the intention is also to propose a minor amendment to existing resolution MSC.148(77). This will be the subject of a separate, but linked, submission to IMO COMSAR 15.

4 The draft revised text for the NAVTEX Manual (NAVTEX Draft October 2010) is available from the IHO web site www.iho.int > Committees > WWNWS "Review of SafetyNET and NAVTEX Manuals"; or follow the link:

<http://www.iho.int/english/committees-wg/ircc/wwnws.html>

4 Member States are requested to provide comments on the revised draft NAVTEX Manual **by Monday 1 November** in order that the final text can be prepared for submission to IMO COMSAR 15.

On behalf of the Directing Committee
Yours sincerely,

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