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APPROVAL OF EDITION 1.0.0 OF S-99

*Operational Procedures for the Organization and Management of the
S-100 Geospatial Information Registry*

Reference: IHB CL 70/2010 dated 2 November - *Recommendation by HSSC for IHO to adopt S-99 as an IHO Standard*

Dear Hydrographer,

1 The Directing Committee would like to thank the following 43 Member States who replied to CL 70/2010 proposing the adoption of a new IHO Publication S-99 *Operational Procedures for the Organization and Management of the S-100 Geospatial Information Registry*: Argentina, Australia, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Belgium, Brazil, Canada, Chile, Colombia, Croatia, Denmark, Ecuador, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Iceland, India, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Korea (Rep. of), Morocco, Netherlands, Norway, Oman, Pakistan, Papua New Guinea, Poland, Portugal, Qatar, Singapore, Slovenia, South Africa, Spain, Sweden, Tunisia, Turkey, Ukraine, UK, USA and Venezuela.

2 All responses supported the proposal. Finland and France provided substantive comments which are included at Annex A. There are currently 80 Member States of the IHO, two of whom have been suspended. Therefore in accordance with paragraph 6 of Article VI of the Convention on the IHO, the majority required on "questions concerning the technical functioning of the Organization" is 40. As a result, Edition 1.0.0 of Publication S-99 - *Operational Procedures for the Organization and Management of the S-100 Geospatial Information Registry* has been adopted.

3 The new edition is available for downloading from the IHO website:

www.iho.int > Standards & Publications > Download IHO Publications > S-99

On behalf of the Directing Committee
Yours sincerely,

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Annex A: Member States' comments

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Finland

According to our information, the ISO TC 211 has plans soon to revise ISO 19135 standard. This revision should be followed closely to ensure that S-99 will be in line with the revised standard.

Comment by the IHB: IHB/IHO is represented at most TC 211 meetings and will follow the revision of ISO 19135 "Geographic information -- Procedures for item registration", and its possible impact on S-99.

France

France congratulates those WG members having contributed to the S-99 development. In connection with that standard, it seems necessary to amend Resolution 2/2007 to take account of the wider scope of S-100, further noting that such exercise is in progress (CL 87/2010 refers).