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**PROMULGATION OF MARITIME SAFETY INFORMATION  
IMO INTERNATIONAL SAFETYNET MANUAL  
New Edition**

- References:
- A. IHO CL 66/2014 dated 17 September - *Sixth meeting of the Sub-Committee on the World-Wide Navigational Warning Service*
  - B. IHO CL 78/2014 dated 1 December - *Report on the 94<sup>th</sup> Session of the IMO Maritime Safety Committee*

Dear Hydrographer,

1. In the context of its holistic review of the relevant documentation, the IHO Sub-Committee on the World-Wide Navigational Warning Service (WWNWS-SC) initiated a revision of the text of the IMO International SafetyNET Manual. Further to the last meeting of the Sub-Committee held in September 2014 in Wellington, New Zealand (Reference A), work on this review has now been completed. A representative from the World Meteorological Organization (WMO) participated fully in the review. WWNWS-SC also received advice and guidance from the Secretariat of the International Maritime Organization (IMO).

2. The review took into account the changes adopted by the IMO to 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*. These changes came into force on 1 January 2015. The review also took into account the revisions adopted by the IMO to the Joint IMO/IHO/WMO Manual on Maritime Safety Information, which are due to come into force on 1 January 2016 (Reference B).

3. In addition to the changes described above, the WWNWS-SC has taken the opportunity to correct a number of typographical errors and to update some system and equipment names.

4. The draft revised text for the IMO International SafetyNET Manual is available (in English only) from the IHO website in the Document Review section of the WWNWS-SC page ([http://www.iho.int/srv1/index.php?option=com\\_content&view=article&id=437&Itemid=395&lang=en](http://www.iho.int/srv1/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=437&Itemid=395&lang=en)). Both a "redline version", showing the changes, and a "clean version" are provided. Any Member State requiring a hard copy of these documents should contact the IHB.

5. The IHB Directing Committee intends to forward the revised draft IMO International SafetyNET Manual to the Secretariat of the WMO seeking its agreement for a joint submission to the third session of the Sub-Committee on Navigation, Communications and Search and Rescue (NCSR 3) to be held in March 2016. The document must be submitted to the IMO Secretariat by mid-December 2015 in order to be considered by NCSR 3. The Directing Committee therefore requests Member States to provide comments on the draft revised SafetyNET Manual, if any, to the IHB **no later than 20 May 2015**, with a copy to the Secretary of the WWNWS Document Review WG, Mr. Larry Bennett ([Larry.Bennett@UKHO.gov.uk](mailto:Larry.Bennett@UKHO.gov.uk)).

On behalf of the Directing Committee

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Mustafa IPTES', is written over a light blue circular stamp.

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