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**IHO PUBLICATION M-2
THE NEED FOR NATIONAL HYDROGRAPHIC SERVICES
- RELEASE OF EDITION 3.0.5**

References:

- A. IHO CL 55/2015 dated 5 August - *IHO Publication M-2, "The Need for National Hydrographic Services", Release of Edition 3.0.4*
- B. IHO CL 87/2015/ Rev.1 dated 15 December - *Approval of IHO Work Programme & Budget for 2016*

Dear Hydrographer,

1. The 3rd edition of IHO Publication M-2 – *The Need for National Hydrographic Services* which was issued in 2015 (Reference A) has been updated to reflect the changes in the annual contribution share value, as announced in Reference B and to harmonize the names and status of coastal States in Annex 4 (*Comparison of IMO/SOLAS Signatories and IHO Membership*).
2. The updated Edition 3.0.5 of M-2 is now available on the IHO website at: www.iho.int → Standards & Publications → Download → M-2.
3. The Directing Committee invites Member States to provide any comments or suggestions that they may have on future updates and revisions to M-2.

On behalf of the Directing Committee
Yours sincerely,

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