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### UPDATE OF THE IHO LOGO

References:

- A. IHO CL 41/2016 dated 23 August - *Date of entry into force of the Amendments to the Convention on the IHO and its supporting Documents*
- B. IHO Publication S-4, Edition 4.6.0, April 2016 - *Regulations for International (INT) Charts and Chart Specifications of the IHO*

Dear Hydrographer,

1. Reference A informed IHO Member States that the Protocol of Amendments to the Convention on the IHO approved in 2005 entered into force on 8 November 2016. As indicated in Reference A and in various subsequent reports and documents, the term “International Hydrographic Bureau (IHB)” used to designate the headquarters and the secretariat of the Organization ceased to be used.
2. As a consequence, and in order to avoid frequent confusion in the designation and naming of the IHO Secretariat by national authorities, other international organizations and stakeholders, it has been decided to update the IHO logo by changing the acronym “IHB/BHI” located on the banner below the flukes of the anchor, by “IHO/OHI”.
3. The different variations (colour, transparent, black and white) of the revised IHO logo/seal are available at [www.iho.int](http://www.iho.int) > Standards & Publications > Various. IHO Member States are invited to introduce the new logo on all relevant documents and presentations referring to the IHO whenever the opportunity to do so arises.
4. Noting that the IHO seal is part of the INTernational (INT) chart standard (See Reference B, Sections B-241.2 (I) and C-209.1 in particular), IHO Member States are invited to use the new IHO seal on future editions or re-print of INT charts.

Yours sincerely,

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