

Proposed amendments to the Draft MSI Manual Version dated 28 April 2008

Submitted by IHB

SUMMARY

Executive Summary: This document proposes amended text for the Preface to the Joint IMO/IHO/WMO MSI Manual

Action to be taken: 2

Related documents: CPRNW10/4/2

1. The IHB has prepared a revised text for the Preface to the Joint IMO/IHO/WMO MSI Manual reflecting the work that is currently underway. The text has been reviewed by Hans van der Graaf, IMO COMSAR Secretary, to ensure correct IMO language use:

PREFACE

SOLAS regulation IV/12 states, in part, that “Every ship, while at sea, shall maintain a radio watch for broadcasts of maritime safety information on the appropriate frequency or frequencies on which such information is broadcast for the area in which the ship is navigating.”

At the request of the Sub-Committee on Radiocommunications, the International Hydrographic Organization (IHO) and the World Meteorological Organization (WMO) a joint document on the drafting of maritime safety information broadcasts was produced (the Joint IMO/IHO/WMO Manual on Maritime Safety Information). The document was circulated to IHO Member States under IHB CL 10/1994 and as COMSAR/Circ.4 by the Sub-Committee on Radiocommunications and Search and Rescue (COMSAR) after its first session in February 1996, which action was endorsed by the Maritime Safety Committee at its sixty-sixth session in May/June 1996.

The publication contained sections from the IMO Assembly resolution A.706(17), “World-Wide Navigational Warning Service”, as amended, and relevant sections of the WMO Publication “Manual on Marine Meteorological Services”.

At its seventh meeting in September 2005, the IHO’s Commission on the Promulgation of Radio Navigational Warnings (CPRNW) established a Working Group to review all World-Wide Navigational Warning Service (WWNWS) documentation. The Working Group included representation from the WMO and prepared at first revisions to IMO Assembly resolutions A.705(17), “Promulgation of Maritime Safety Information” and A.706(17), “World-Wide Navigational Warning Service”. The proposed revisions of the resolutions were circulated to IHO Member States under IHB CL 104/2007, endorsed by COMSAR at its

twelfth session in April 2008 [and subsequently approved by the Maritime Safety Committee at its eighty-fifth session in November/December 2008.]

The IHO CPRNW Working Group then prepared the revised Joint IMO/IHO/WMO Manual on Maritime Safety Information incorporating the revised information from resolutions A.705 (17), as amended and A.706(17), as amended. [The revised text of the Joint IMO/IHO/WMO Manual on Maritime Safety Information was circulated to IHO Member States under cover of IHB CL xxx/2008, endorsed by COMSAR at its thirteenth session in January 2009 and subsequently approved by the Maritime Safety Committee at its eighty-sixth session in May/June 2009.]

Although this is an IMO publication, it is intended that the responsible organizations will maintain their respective sections of this joint IMO/IHO/WMO Manual.

2 CPRNW is requested to consider the above text during its consideration of the Joint MSI Manual