National Reports to Regional Hydrographic Commissions

Submitted by NAVAREA X

SUMMARY

Executive Summary: This document proposes an amendment to the template for the MSI
component of the National Reports to Regional Hydrographic
Commissions

Action to be taken: Paragraph 7

Related documents: 1. IHO Resolution 2/1997 as amended
2. IHO CL 69/2010 dated 25 October
3. IRCC2 Final Minutes
4. WWNWS 7/5/1 dated 22 July 2015

1. The IHO Resolution 2/1997 was amended by CL 69/2010 in order to incorporate the
text "Note: Use the WWNWS template for this section". This amendment was proposed
during IRCC2, following the report from the WWNWS-SC Chair.

2. No specific template was developed following the amendment of the IHO Resolution
2/1997. WWNWS-SC Meeting 7 a template was adopted by the Sub-Committee for the
Structure of National Reports.

3. NAVAREA X Coordinator initiated an electronically fillable version of the form adopted
in WWNWS 7/5/1 and circulated for comment. This is attached as Annex-A.

4. Feedback from the IHB, Chair of WWNWS-SC and South-West Pacific Hydrographic
Commission was that additional questions and information other than that requested in the
adopted WWNWS 7/5/1 form would elicit a more comprehensive response from National
Coordinators.

5. Based on this feedback a complete review of the form, including a review of the
information requirements under the GMDSS Master Plan, was conducted under the context
of enhancing information collected and improving National to NAVAREA Coordinator
communications. NAVAREA X Coordinator subsequently developed a revised electronically
fillable form as attached at Annex-B.

6. In preparation for WWNWS-SC 8 the latest version of this form was circulated to
NAVAREA X National Coordinators. Responses received using the new form appeared to be
more detailed and complete.

7. The Sub-Committee is invited to;

a)   **note** the report;
b)   **invited to compare** the templates in Annex A and Annex B;
c)   if deemed acceptable **recommend** the forms for use; and
d)   **take** any other action as appropriate.

Annex-A- *(Double Click to Access)*

National Reports to Regional Hydrographic Commissions

Regional Hydrographic Commissions (RHCs) are intended to provide, under the auspices of the International Hydrographic Organization regional, coordination with regard to nautical information, hydrographic surveys, production of nautical charts and documents, training, technical cooperation and hydrographic capacity building projects.

The RHCs are required to report to the International Hydrographic Conference on activities, hydrographic capacity and requirements within their region. They are also required to submit an annual report to the International Hydrographic Bureau indicating progress made against the key targets in the IHO Work Programme. To assist in the RHC gathering information on the activities within their area of responsibility a number of reports are required from National Organizations.

Details of these reporting requirements are available in IHO Resolution 2/1997 as amended which is available from the IHO Website;

http://iho.int/iho_pubs/misc/M3-E-JAN13.pdf

Part of the reporting requirements relate to Maritime Safety Information services. This document is provided to assist National Coordinators in capturing the required information and is based on the current approved World Wide Navigational Warning Service Template.

On completion of the form National Coordinators are requested to pass the information to the relevant NAVAREA Coordinator for their Region.

Guidance on what information to be included can be obtained by hovering the mouse over the relevant fields in the form. If additional guidance or assistance in completing the form is required then the National Coordinator should contact the relevant NAVAREA Coordinator.

Annex-B - *(Double Click to Access)*

9. Contingency Planning

10. Capacity Building

11. Other Activities

12. National Maritime Website

13. Recommendations

14. Summary

15. Remarks/Additional Information

16. Attachments

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