

# Hydrographic Services and Standards Committee

## Comments and Proposals on Doc. HSSC10-05.2B – Introduction of G-Series

IHO Secretariat



# Background Information

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- Issue raised at HSSC-9 (ENCWG and S-100WG): guidelines/guidance documents should not be considered as Standards (S) and maintained as such (e.g. falling under IHO Resolution 2/2007 and its binding rules). Introduction of a new classification criteria could bring more flexibility.
- Action HSSC9/59: "*S-100WG/ENCWG to submit a proposal opening the possibility of establishing G-series in the list of IHO Publications, for guidelines, and guidance documents.*" Completed (Doc . HSSC10-05.2B)



# Analysis

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- Doc. HSSC10-05.2B states “*S-65 and S-66 are classified as Standards...lead some users to misinterpret...strict requirement exists...*”.
- IHO Sec: “S-” does not mean Standards see below
- M-3, IHO Resolution 3/1957 (as amended by IHO CL 39/2009) - *List of Publications of the IHO* - states:

*“1. The IHO List of Publications shall be made available on the IHO website and kept updated. IHO Publications will be classified as follows:*

***B-** Bathymetric Publications - Mainly those related to GEBCO.*

***C-** Capacity Building Publications - Publications that relate or contribute to the IHO capacity building programme.*

***M-** Miscellaneous – Basic Regulatory Publications - Publications of a general nature including general regulations and resolutions.*

***P-** Periodic Publications - Publications that refer to periodic events or require periodic editions according to content.*

***S-** Standards and Specifications -Publications that refer to standards and specifications, **including guidelines.**”*



# Analysis

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- Current categories of IHO Publications derived and adopted in 2009 from the previous and old categories, are not perfect. It is a mix with different principal components:
  - - *temporal* with P for Periodic
  - - *technical and thematic* with B for Bathymetry
  - - *functional and thematic* with C for Capacity Building
  - - *normative and methodological* for S for Standards and Specs



# Analysis

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- In category **B**, we can find guidelines or guidance documents (B-6, B-7, for instance).
- In **C**, as well (C-17 for instance).
- In **M**, as well (in M-3, IHO Resolution 1/2005 as amended for instance - IHO Response to Disasters).
- And obviously in **S** (S-11, Section 7 of S-53, S-65, etc.). In most of the existing categories if not all, we can find guidance/guidelines documents or sections.
- → If we introduce G-Series, what should we do with existing guidance and guidelines documents? What is the added value?



# Analysis

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- At least for Harmonization purposes between HOs (CATZOC, etc...), it is the view of the IHO Sec that there is some benefit for some guidance documents to follow the processes depicted in IHO Resolution 2/2007, as a matter of principles
- This IHO Resolution 2/2007 is currently under review and there is a good opportunity here to revise its Appendix and split it into two parts (as suggested at C-1, Decision C1/03 « *...This applies in particular but not limited to the standards and publications listed in Appendix 1 of IHO Resolution 2/2007 ...* »



# Actions to be considered by HSSC

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- HSSC to take note of the proposal in Doc. HSSC10-05.2B but to decide that there is more efficient way (with no impact on current Publications) to address the issue, rather than creating a new G classification criteria
- HSSC to agree that there is room for more flexibility and clarity through the current revision process of IHO Resolution 2/2007
- HSSC Chair/IHO Sec to include in their submission about IHO Resolution 2/2007 to be made at HSSC-11 a proposal that would divide the Appendix 1 into two parts:
  - \* Standards and Publications including...Guidance... that **MUST** follow the full process of IHO Resolution 2/2007
  - \* Standards and Publications including ... Guidance... that **CAN BE** developed and maintained **WITHOUT** following the full process of IHO Res 2/2007 - **HSSC and IRCC decision.**

