

ERSAHC 1-14 WVNWS Brief

1. The IMO Maritime Safety Committee approved the revisions to Resolutions A.705(17) on the Promulgation of MSI and A.706(17) on the World-Wide Navigation Warning Service. The MSC also gave approval for the Iridium mobile satellite system to proceed with further development as a recognised GMDSS provider.
2. The WVNWS Sub-Committee received a briefing on the Global Maritime Distress and Safety System (GMDSS) Master Plan Annexes 7 and 8. Changes to the presentation format of the Annexes were highlighted. It was noted that the responsibility for updates falls to the IMO International SafetyNET Panel. WVNWS-SC requested that NAVAREA Coordinators send all proposed changes to Annex 8 to the Chairman of the International SafetyNET Panel for review, prior to formally submitting them to the IMO. Upon approval, the Chairman would provide instructions on how to submit changes to the IMO. NAVAREA coordinators were encouraged to develop more active relationships between them and national NAVTEX coordinators, not only for the benefit of maintaining Annex 7, but also for the benefit of NAVTEX users generally.
3. The IMO Sub-Committee for Safety of Navigation approved the consolidated final draft policy submitted by the drafting group on the use of AIS aids to navigation, which acknowledged the need for close coordination with charting authorities. The Sub-Committee endorsed the draft MSC circular on the policy on the use of AIS aids to navigation. The Sub-Committee also endorsed the draft SN Circular on amended guidelines for the presentation of navigational-related symbols, terms and abbreviations.
4. This policy was highlighted to the WVNWS-SC and was advised on the potential use of AIS to broadcast MSI, as discussed by the US Coast Guard at the 2013 annual meeting of the Radio Technical Commission for Maritime Services (RTCM). The WVNWS Sub-Committee was advised to monitor the broadcast of MSI via AIS, so that WVNWS services were not compromised.
5. WVNWS-6 will take place in Wellington, New Zealand from 18 to 22 August 2014. This meeting is planned to take place simultaneously with the WMO Maritime Safety Services Enhancement Workshop/METAREA Coordinators meeting, over the same dates and collocated in the same venue. This is the first time that meeting will be held concurrently and stands to be of significant benefit for both organizations. A joint agenda will be developed to make the most of the time available. All National MSI Coordinators are encouraged to attend the meetings of WVNWS to broaden their experience and interact with the NAVAREA and METAREA Coordinators.
6. The meeting is requested to:
 - a. Note this report;
 - b. Review national organizations and procedures for the issuing of MSI to the NAVAREA IX region coordinator and the appropriate charting.
 - c. Take any other action deemed appropriate.