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13 November 2018

CALL FOR APPROVAL OF REVISION TO IHO RESOLUTION 6/2009

References:

A. Publication M-3, 2nd Edition 2010 – Updated to August 2018 – *Resolutions of the IHO*.
B IHO CL 44/2018 dated 07 September - *Outcome of the 10th Meeting of the IRCC*
C. IHO CL 51/2018 dated 29 October - *Outcome of the 2nd Meeting of the IHO Council*.
D. Summary Report of the 2nd Meeting of the IHO Council.

Dear Hydrographer,

1. The current digital editions of the International Hydrographic Review (IHR) are available from the IHO website in PDF and free of charge (www.iho.int/download). As announced in the 2017 Annual Report, the IHO Secretariat has been working with the University of New Brunswick (UNB), Canada, in a project to develop a digital repository of the complete library of the IHR. Work led by Dr Dave Wells with the UNB has now been completed and the volumes from 1923 to 2018 are available at https://journals.lib.unb.ca/index.php/ihr.

2. The IHR has been published since 1923 and is regulated by the IHO Resolution 6/2009 *International Hydrographic Review (IHR),* as amended (Reference A). The IRCC considered the proposed amendments, introduced by the IHO Secretariat, and endorsed the revision to the IHO Resolution 6/2009, as amended (Annex A) at its 10th meeting in June 2018 (Reference B).

3. The amendments to the Resolution are intended to bring more flexibility in the management and publishing of IHR volumes. The new arrangements with UNB will improve the access to important elements of the history of the IHO. The availability of the complete collection of the IHR in a dedicated journal will provide a searching capability for users and access through a network of libraries.

4. The IHO Council, at its 2nd Meeting (References C and D), endorsed the proposed amendments to the IHO Resolution 6/2009 as amended (Decision C2/24).

5. Member States are requested to take into account the endorsement of the IRCC and the IHO Council and consider adopting the proposed amendments to the IHO Resolution 6/2009, as amended and to indicate their decision by returning the Voting Form, provided in Annex B, **no later than 10 January 2019**.

On behalf of the Secretary-General
Yours sincerely,

Mustafa IPTES
Director

Annex A: Draft amended IHO Resolution 6/2009
Annex B: Voting Form

Proposed Amendments to the IHO Resolution 6/2009
(Red-line version as endorsed at C-2)

TITLE	Reference	Last amendment (CL or IHC/A)	1st Edition Reference
INTERNATIONAL HYDROGRAPHIC REVIEW	**6/2009 as amended**	**xx/2019**	**Q2.5**

1 Background

The International Hydrographic Review (IHR) is an international journal publishing peer-reviewed papers on all aspects of hydrography and associated subjects, ranging from the latest technical developments to history. It was first published in 1921 and since then has been published regularly with two or three issues per year. In September 2000 the IHR, which had until then been compiled and published internally by the International Hydrographic Bureau (IHB) (now IHO Secretariat), was transferred to a private publisher aiming at improving the scope and quality of the IHR, to widen the circulation and to reduce costs. In October 2007 the Directing Committee was informed by the publisher that they were no longer prepared to renew the contract due to financial circumstances. After a detailed study, the Directing Committee concluded that there were no realistic possibilities for the IHO to continue the publication of the IHR in its traditional form without a significant increase in costs and expenditure and proposed to the Member States to go digital. The decision adopted by the Member States was to publish the IHR as a web-based publication, with peer-reviewed articles, with two editions a year and an annual printed copy consisting of a compilation of the articles, initially for IHO Member States only. Member States also agreed ~~with the Directing Committee to invite the former IHR Editor, who accepted, to continue as Editor for 2009 and 2010, the period of transition to the new IHR format. The~~ to have the Editor ~~will contribute to the IHO Secretariat~~ as a "part time" collaborator, in accordance with terms of reference agreed with the IHO Secretariat. ~~After 2010 the position will be open to competition.~~

2 The Digital International Hydrographic Review

A digital version of the publication was introduced in 2009 with the editions placed on the IHO ~~W~~website twice a year, in May and November. Access ~~will be~~is open to all and free of charge. As with the previous hard copy version, strict standards of review and editing ~~will be~~are maintained. Once a year a hard copy compendium will be produced that will be available to Member States[1] only and will provide an ongoing historical record. Member States – particularly their staff and cooperating industries - are strongly urged to contribute to the Review as an important means of sharing information on their activities and developments within the hydrographic community. Individuals and organizations working in the field, but outside the Member States' Hydrographic Offices, are also urged to contribute.

Given the multi-lingual nature of the community, potential contributors should not be intimidated by concerns over language as any linguistic problems ~~will~~ may be handled by the Editor and the Editorial Board during the editing process. Likewise the work of developing hydrographic offices is as important as that of the developed, well equipped offices, in the overall discussions on progress in the profession. It is hoped that contributions will be received from all sectors of the community. Material should be sent to the Editor ~~or directly to the IHO Secretariat to meet deadlines of the end of January and the end of July~~in accordance with paragraph 4.

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[1] ~~*The IHO Secretariat after having put in place the IHR in its digital format will investigate whether companies/manufacturers of hydrographic equipment would be interested in advertising their products in the printed copies, as was the case in the past. In this way IHO will establish better cooperation with various stakeholders/companies and have an income with which it will be in a better position to support the IHR.*~~

3 The IHR Format

The IHR is composed of four parts: Editorial, Articles, Notes and General Information:

a) Editorial:
This part will be written by the IHR Editor and will be a maximum of one-page highlighting the content of the edition, motivating the reader to get into the subjects content. This page will include a photo of the IHR Editor. The IHR Editor might wish to liaise with any Regional Hydrographic Commission Chairs or the Secretary-General for the purpose of including relevant messages or concepts associated to the content of the IHR. The Editorial shall be approved by the Secretary-General / relevant Director.

b) Articles:
It is expected that articles will be between 4,000 and 6,000 words long, although longer articles may be considered. Articles will concern hydrography and associated subjects. Unpublished articles that have not yet been submitted for publication elsewhere will be given priority. All articles will be peer-reviewed.

c) Notes:
Notes are expected to be between 1,500 and 2,500 words long. Notes are brief records of testimony of an event, a meeting, a conference, an action, a speech or a particular circumstance. Notes will not be refereed but will be subject to editorial comment and amendments.

d) General Information:
Falling under this part will be contributions on matters providing general information to the community. These may include, as examples: a book review, a calendar of forthcoming events, letters to the Editor and the corresponding reply if pertinent, and any Obituaries.

4 The IHR online ~~on the IHO website~~

The IHR will be ~~posted on~~accessible from the IHO website. ~~with an icon labelled "International Hydrographic Review". Clicking on the icon will open a page providing a short explanation on what the IHR is about.~~ The ~~screen~~ web page will ~~also~~ provide details for contacting the Editor, ~~, and~~ information ~~on deadlines for contributing to the next and future editions. Two further icons will lead to:~~and ~~I~~instructions for c~~C~~ontributors and access to the IHR ~~Editions~~online editions.

~~Instructions for Contributors: contributors will access the "technical instructions" required to submit Articles, Notes or General Information.~~

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5 The IHR Editorial Board

The IHR will have an Editorial Board to help the IHR Editor in keeping a good standard of the Review. The Editorial Board will be comprised of representatives of all Regional Hydrographic Commissions, who are expected to encourage the following activities at a regional level:

a) Motivate Member States in his/her region to submit Articles, Notes and General Information suitable for the IHR;

b) Contribute with relevant Notes after holding RHC's Meetings or other IHO-related events;

c) Search and identify suitable and available experts in their region who could volunteer to peer-review the Articles, to ensure the peer-review process; and

d) Provide the Editor with key information to be highlighted in the Editorial of the IHR

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Annex B to IHO CL 56/2018
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APPROVAL OF THE PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE IHO RESOLUTION 6/2009

VOTING FORM

(to be returned to the IHO Secretariat **no later than 10 January 2019**
E-mail: cl-lc@iho.int - Fax: +377 93 10 81 40)

Member State:	
Contact:	
E-mail:	

Do you approve the proposed amendments to the IHO Resolution 6/2009?

Please tick ☑ the appropriate box:

YES ☐ NO ☐

If you answer 'NO', please explain in the comment section below.

Comments (if required)

Name / Signature : ……. Date : ……..