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ANNOUNCEMENT OF PUBLICATION OF THE FIRST EDITION OF S-121 - MARITIME LIMITS AND BOUNDARIES

References:

- A. HSSC Action 11/20 Development of S-121 Edition 1.0.0
- B. IHO Resolution 2/2007, as amended *Principles and Procedures for developing IHO standards and conducting changes*

Dear Colleagues,

1. At its 11th meeting in May 2019 the Hydrographic Services and Standards Committee (HSSC), on the recommendation of the Chair of the S-100 Work Group (S-100WG), agreed on action 11/20:

HSSC encouraged the S-121PT, under the management of the **S-100WG Chair**, to pursue the development of Ed. 1.0.0. of S-121 <u>in accordance with HSSC Rules of Procedures and IHO Resolution 2/2007</u> and make it available for testing and experimentation when appropriate.

- 2. The Chair of the S-100WG has confirmed that the S-121 Project Team held a meeting in August 2019 to adjudicate comments received from the wider stakeholder review. Comments were received from Australia (MSA), Canada, China, France, Republic of Korea, Netherlands, Turkey, United Kingdom, United States (NGA), United States (NOAA), IHO Secretariat, IIC Technologies and the S-100 Working Group Chair. As a result of the meeting the S-121 Product Specification documentation has been finalised and published as Edition 1.0.0 for initial implementation, testing and evaluation and further stakeholder review.
- 3. The link to the S-121 Product Specification documents is available on the IHO website http://iho.int>Standards & Publications > S-100 > S-121 Maritime Limits and Boundaries.

Yours sincerely, Rear Admiral Luigi SINAPI

Chair, HSSC

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