

## Paper for consideration by NIPWG 5

## M-3 amendments proposal

<b>Submitted by:</b>	NIPWG Chair group
<b>Executive Summary:</b>	Update on the proposed M-3 amendments
<b>Related Documents:</b>	IHO M-3 resolution
<b>Related Projects:</b>	NIL

**Introduction / Background**

The IHO M-3 resolutions provide guidance and recommendations on which information should be provided in nautical publications. Having the entitlement to reflect the current standard of hydrographic technologies, the resolutions experience regular updates. Based on an HSSC action item, the sections relevant for the NIPWG work have recently experienced a validation check. Several issues have been detected which may require an amendment either by deletion or amendment.

**Analysis/Discussion**

The sections relevant to nautical publications are 2.4.1 (General), 2.4.2 (Digital), 2.4.4 (Distance Tables), 2.4.5 (Radio Signals), and 2.4.6 (Sailing Directions).

The following proposed amendments are based on the fact that:

- general information is available from various internet sources,
- the information provided presently by ship's agents is more current and more accurate than by nautical publications,
- the information is no longer important for safe navigation, or
- the terms used have been changed since a resolution is in force.

IHO Resolution	Topic	Decision
9/1932 as amended	Uniform Sequence of information	Replace Item e) by "Operational Hours"
4/1982 as amended	Arrangement of information	Remove item: Density or salinity of water if differing from normal seawater See 9/1962 (C3.14)
		Remove item: Transport facilities from the port by sea, road, rail, canal and nearest main airport
4/1937 as amended	Population of town	Remove the section
9/1962 as amended	Density and Salinity of Water	Remove the section

Other resolutions have been under consideration by NIPWG3 and NIPWG4. They will be either discussed by separate submissions (7/2009) or it has been considered that the current resolution should remain unchanged (5/1937).

**Justification and Impacts**

Resolution 9/1962 as amended, Resolution 4/1937 as amended:

Having removed from M-3, the deletion or amendments of the said resolutions have no negative impact on HO's NPUB information provision.

**Action required of NIPWG5**

The NIPWG5 is invited to:

- note this paper,
- conclude the way forward to initiate the M-3 amendment process by providing an appropriate HSSC paper.