

Paper for Consideration by NIPWG5

Review of IHO Resolution 5/1937

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Executive Summary:	Outcome of review of resolution 5/1937.
Related Documents:	M-3: Resolutions of the IHO (June 2017)
Related Projects:	n/a

Introduction / Background

With the aim on ensuring that resolutions relating to nautical publications remain appropriate, NIPWG4 raised the following action:

Action Item 4/02 – Edward HOSKEN will review IHO resolution 5/1937 to consider references to numbering of radio stations to make a proposal which may include deletion of the resolution. Sept 2017.

Analysis/Discussion

The existing resolution is as follows:

NUMBERING OF TYPES OF STATIONS	5/1937	E2.3
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It is recommended that for purposes of quick reference each station be assigned an index number corresponding to the nature of the services it carries out and ensuring connection between the various chapters in which the same station appears.

The following system is recommended:

	<u>Index</u>
Coastal W/T Station	0 (optional)
Direction finding station	1
Radiobeacon	2
Wireless time signals	3
Meteorological bulletins; Storm warning signals	4
Navigational warnings; Ice reports	5
Distress notices	6
Medical and quarantine advice	7
Coastal wireless telephone station	8 (Optional)

A review of the current situation with respect to each of the services defined reports as follows:

Coastal W/T Station	0 (optional)	Very few left in the world – mainly in the Far East and Russia.
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Direction finding station	1	Only a couple left providing a DF service, on request only. Service more or less redundant due to GPS position fixing.
Radio-beacon	2	Racons and Ramarks. Still plenty left and operational.
Wireless time signals	3	Still operational, used for time signals, radio propagations and radio receiver calibration.
Meteorological bulletins; Storm warning signals	4	Service still operational.
Navigational warnings; Ice reports	5	Service still operational.
Distress notices	6	Used as a backup to satellite GMDSS services and handling distress relay transmissions. Still part of GMDSS.
Medical and quarantine advice	7	Service still operational.
Coastal wireless telephone station	8 (Optional)	Very few left, but still used in certain parts of the world.

Conclusions

Given that all of the services are still operational to some degree in some areas of the world, it would be premature to delete the resolution.

Recommendations

It is recommended that the resolution be retained without amendment for now, but given that the availability of some of the services is reducing, it is suggested that the resolution should be reviewed again in 5 years.

Justification and Impacts

The recommendation requires no action and has no adverse impact.

Action Required of NIPWG

The NIPWG is invited to:

- a. endorse the recommendation.