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**CALL FOR APPROVAL OF A REVISION OF IHO PUBLICATION S-57 APPENDIX B.1,
ANNEX A - USE OF THE OBJECT CATALOGUE FOR ENC**

References:

- A IHO CL 46/2014 dated 17 June – *S-57 Appendix B.1, Annex A – Use of the Object Catalogue; S-58 – ENC Validation Checks; S-57 Supplement No 3;*
- B. HSSC Letter 02/2017 dated 08 August - *Revisions of IHO Technical Standards - Approval of:*
 - *draft Edition 1.1.0 of S-66 - Facts about Electronic Charts and Carriage Requirements*
 - *draft Edition 4.1.0 of S-57 Appendix B.1 Annex A - Use of the Object Catalogue for ENC*
 - *draft Edition 3.1.0 of S-11 Part A - Guidance for the Preparation and Maintenance of International (INT) Chart and ENC Schemes;*
- C. 1st Session of the IHO Assembly P-6 – *Proceedings including List of Decisions;*
- D. IHO CL55/2017 dated 31 October - *Outcome of the First Meeting of the IHO Council.*

Dear Hydrographer,

1. Following the publication of Edition 4.0.0 of IHO Publication S-57 Appendix B.1, Annex A – *Use of the Object Catalogue for ENC* (Reference A), the ENC Maintenance Working Group (ENCWG) has continued to maintain this publication as directed by its programme of work. The working group noted that there had been a number of clarifications and revisions made to the document resulting from feedback from ENC and ECDIS users, papers to ENCWG meetings and enquiries from Hydrographic Offices and industry since the publication of Edition 4.0.0. While many of these changes had been promulgated by ENC Encoding Bulletins and Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs), some changes had not been addressed. It was therefore considered that a revised Edition 4.1.0 should be published to incorporate all cumulative changes since Edition 4.0.0.

2. The Hydrographic Services and Standards Committee (HSSC) endorsed the changes to Edition 4.0.0 of S-57 Appendix B.1, Annex A proposed by the ENCWG by HSSC Letter (see Reference B) and tasked the HSSC Chair to submit the revision to the IHO Council for endorsement, under the arrangements that are now in force as a result of the ratification of the Protocol of Amendments to the Convention on the IHO; and following the establishment of the Council by the first session of the IHO Assembly (see Reference C - Decision No. 26).

3. At its 1st meeting in October 2017, the IHO Council endorsed the revision and tasked the IHO Secretariat to circulate draft revision 4.1.0 of S-57 Appendix B.1, Annex A to IHO Member States, for their consideration and approval (see Reference D – Decision C-1/20 and Action C-1/21).

4. The proposed revision 4.1.0 and a marked up “redline” version are now available on the IHO website at: www.iho.int > Standards & Publications > Download > Draft Publications Awaiting Approval by Member States (*English version only*).

5. Member States are requested to take into account the endorsement of the HSSC and the IHO Council and to consider the adoption of the proposed edition 4.1.0 of S-57 Appendix B.1, Annex A by

providing their reply on the Voting Form in Annex A, at their earliest convenience and **no later than 05 January 2018**.

On behalf of the Secretary-General
Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Abri KAMPFER', written in a cursive style.

Abri KAMPFER
Director

Annex:

A. Voting Form

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S-57 APPENDIX B.1, ANNEX A – USE OF THE OBJECT CATALOGUE FOR ENC

Approval of Edition 4.1.0

Voting Form

(to be returned to the IHO Secretariat by 05 January 2018)

E-mail: cl-lc@iho.int - Fax: +377 93 10 81 40

Note: The boxes will expand as you type your answers.

Member State:

Contact:

E-mail:

Do you approve the adoption of Edition 4.1.0 of S-57 Appendix B.1, Annex A (*tick the appropriate box*)?

YES

NO

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

Comments:

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Signature :

Date :
