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MESO AMERICAN & CARIBBEAN SEA HYDROGRAPHIC COMMISSION**



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To:

Rear Admiral Jesús Gerardo ORTEGA HERNÁNDEZ

Director of the Navigation and Hydrographic Service of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela

Subject: IHO Publications C-55 and S-11

Reference: Letter nb 0024 of Feb 09<sup>th</sup>, 2010

Dear Adm. Ortega Hernández,

1. As the MACHC Chair I acknowledge the receipt of your letter number 0024 dated Feb 09<sup>th</sup> 2010. After some consultation, I would like to share with you some current IHO procedures and actions carried out concerning this issue.

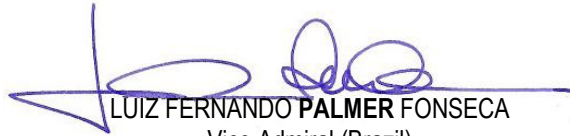
2. Regarding the IHO publication C-55 (old S-55 as announced through the IHB Circular Letters 98/2008, 13/2009, and 39/2009, reflected at IHO resolution Q1.1), we thank you for updating so important data. As it has been observed at MACHC meetings, they are essential for the improvement of hydrography worldwide. The updates should be made directly at the C-55 website ([http://www.iho-ohi.net/iho\\_pubs/CB/C-55/C-55\\_Eng.htm](http://www.iho-ohi.net/iho_pubs/CB/C-55/C-55_Eng.htm)) as set forth under the item "Recommendations for the maintenance and use of C-55". If you have any problem concerning the use of the online tools, you may send the updating questionnaire ([http://www.iho-ohi.net/iho\\_pubs/CB/C-55/C-55\\_Questionnaire.doc](http://www.iho-ohi.net/iho_pubs/CB/C-55/C-55_Questionnaire.doc)) directly to the IHB contact <pah@ihb.mc>.

Regarding your requested changes to the IHO S-11 publication, Part B, Region B:

- The requests related to national number and chart title regarding the INT charts where Venezuela is the current producer (i. e. 4022, 4023, 4100, 4102, 4104, 4106, 4108 and 4112) have already been accomplished and published;
- The other requested changes (limits and producer), as set forth by the MACHC INT Chart Committee (ICC) Terms of Reference, must be approved by MACHC. The current MACHC INT Chart Coordinator, Captain (BR) Carlos Albuquerque (as announced through MACHC Letter 37/2009) will present them to the ICC. In order to allow Captain Albuquerque to put the proposals over the table, I kindly request that you provide him (e-mail <albuquerque@dhn.mar.mil.br>) with a concise text justifying the following items:
  - a) The change of limits of charts 4100, 4102, 4104, 4106, 4108 and 4112;
  - b) The introduction of a new INT Chart – nb 4102E, scale 1:300.000, limits 09°40.00'N; 11°25.00'N; 063°00.00'W; 060°25.00'W; and
  - c) The change of the producer of charts 4070 and 4010 from France and Colombia, respectively, to Venezuela.

3. Hoping that these actions and the information provided will answer the inquiries of your letter, I would like to take this opportunity to let you know that my staff and I are at your disposal for any further need or clarification.

Best regards,



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