

## World-Wide Navigational Warning Service

### National Coordinator Responsibilities:

**National Coordinator:** means the national authority charged with collating and issuing coastal warnings within a national area of responsibility.

#### The National Coordinator must:

- .1 endeavour to be informed of all events that could significantly affect the safety of navigation within their area of national responsibility;
- .2 assess all information immediately upon receipt for relevance to navigation in their area of national responsibility;
- .3 select information for broadcast in accordance with the guidance given in paragraph 4.2;
- .4 draft coastal warnings in accordance with the *Joint IMO/IHO/WMO Manual on Maritime Safety Information*;
- .5 direct and control the broadcast of coastal warnings, in accordance with the provisions of the International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea, 1974, as amended;
- .6 forward coastal warnings and relevant associated information which may require wider promulgation directly to their NAVAREA/Sub-area Coordinator and/or adjacent National Coordinators as appropriate, using the quickest possible means;
- .7 broadcast in-force bulletins not less than once per week at a regular scheduled time;
- .8 promulgate the cancellation of coastal warnings which are no longer valid;
- .9 act as the central point of contact on matters relating to navigational warnings within their area of national responsibility;
- .10 promote the use of established international standards and practices in the promulgation of navigational warnings within their area of national responsibility;
- .11 monitor the broadcasts which they originate, to ensure that the warnings have been correctly broadcast;
- .12 maintain records of source data relating to coastal warnings in accordance with the requirement of the National Administration of the National Coordinator; and
- .13 take into account the need for contingency planning.