**TERMS OF REFERENCE: EXPERT TEAM ON SEA ICE**

Excerpt from Resolution 5 (JCOMM-4): Service and Forecasting Systems Programme Area

Agreed at ETSI-5, March 2014

The Expert Team on Sea Ice shall:

1. Coordinate and advise Members/Member States on products and services required by user communities in sea ice areas, to support navigation, coastal and off-shore activities, monitoring of the sea ice cover;
2. Provide advice to ETMSS on all aspects of impacts of sea ice relevant to maritime safety, marine pollution response and search and rescue services;
3. Maintain linkages with Expert Team on Operational Ocean Forecasting Systems on the relevant sea ice modelling and forecasting techniques;
4. Maintain linkages with projects and programmes related to the role of sea ice in the global climate system, including through the World Climate Research Programme and the Global Cryosphere Watch;
5. Develop technical advice and guidance material, software exchange, specialized training and other appropriate capacity development activities with regard to sea ice observations, analysis and services, and provide assistance to Members/Member States as required;
6. Keep under review and provide guidance as appropriate on the operations of the Global Digital Sea Ice Data Bank, in collaboration with the Expert Team on Marine Climatology;
7. Maintain and develop formats, nomenclatures and procedures for sea ice data and information exchange as well as relevant terminology, coding and mapping standards;
8. Maintain linkages with relevant international organizations and programmes, in particular the Baltic Sea Ice Meeting, CLIC, European Ice Service, International Ice Charting Working Group, North American Ice Service, ASPeCt, Global Climate Observing System and the International Hydrographic Organization.

As a general principle, these terms of reference will be implemented through specific, defined, time-limited projects.

**General Membership**

Up to eight Members, including the chairperson, representative of a range of activities related to sea ice and the ice-covered regions within JCOMM, and to maintain an appropriate geographical representation. It is expected that, in general, the ETSI will be self-funding. ETSI representatives will also act as full members of ETMSS and ETMC.

Representatives of regional and international sea ice bodies in particular the Baltic Sea Ice Meeting, European Ice Service, International Ice Charting Working Group and North American Ice Service will also be invited to participate at their own expense.

Additional experts may be invited as appropriate, representative of the range of activities related to sea ice, on a self-funded basis, and in general with no resource implications to JCOMM.

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**Appendix 2**

TERMS OF REFERENCE: ETSI TASK GROUP ON   
ELECTRONIC NAVIGATIONAL CHART ICE OBJECTS (TG ENCIO)

(Established at ETSI-3, March 2007; Reviewed and agreed at ETSI-5, March 2014)

1. Objective

To develop and to maintain an international standard for Ice Objects as a class of Marine Information Objects (MIO) that is based on the standards of the International Hydrographic Organisation (IHO) for Electronic Navigational Charts (ENC).

2. Guiding Principles

The framework for the Ice Objects standard includes:

* Use of **IHO S-57** including:
* Object Catalogue;
* MIO Product Specification;
* MIO Encoding Guide.
* Establishment of an **Ice Objects Register** for additional real-world, ice features, attributes, and enumerations that are not already contained in IHO S-57 Edition 3.1 Object Catalogue.
* Use of the ***Open ECDIS Forum*** (OEF) as a means of communication and discussion for continuing development and maintenance of the Ice Objects Register.
* Alignment with the future **IHO S-100** Standard for Geospatial Data.

3. Authority

JCOMM ETSI is recognized as the competent international technical group on sea ice and icebergs by:

* World Meteorological Organization;
* Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission;
* International Hydrographic Organization (IHO) – Committee on Hydrographic Requirements and Information Systems (CHRIS).

4. Participants

Register Owner: WMO Secretariat

Register Manager: WMO Secretariat

Register Users: anyone interested in sea ice or iceberg MIOs

Control Body: ETSI ENC Ice Objects Task Group

Submitting Organization: WMO

Proposers: ETSI Members from Canada, Germany, Russian Federation and USA

5. Composition

The Ice Objects Task Group will be composed of at least three standing ETSI Members appointed by the ETSI, in addition to the Register Manager. The Task Group Members shall serve until the subsequent intersessional meeting of the ETSI, at which time they may be re-appointed or replaced. The Task Group will elect a Chairperson from among them.

6. Meeting Schedule

The Task Group will meet on an as-required, as-agreed basis. Members will fund their own attendance at meetings. Much of the business of the Task Group will be conducted by e-mail and telephone.

7. Management of the Ice Objects Register

Any Member of the ETSI can submit a proposal to the Ice Objects Register but the proposal must:

* be in a format established by ETSI;
* describe how the new object (or feature) will be accommodated in the Ice Objects Encoding Guide.

The **Ice Objects Register Manager**:

* reviews the submitted proposal for completeness, and may request additional information/clarification from the Proposer. The proposal is also distributed to Ice Objects Task Group (Control Body) and other Register Managers for review/comment.
* officially posts the proposal on the Ice Objects ENC Register. It is initially flagged as **NOT-VALID**.
* places the proposal on the Ice Objects Discussion Forum (OEF website) for discussion.

Eight weeks after the proposal is placed on the Ice Objects Register:

* if a consensus is reached to accept, the proposal is then flagged as **VALID**.
* if no consensus is achieved, it remains flagged as **NOT-VALID**. In this case:
* the submitter can decide to withdraw the proposal;
* the proposal can be revised and re-submitted;
* any participant of the ETSI can ask that the proposal be considered at the next meeting of the ETSI.
* the Register Manager announces the outcome on the Ice Objects Discussion Forum.

8. Regular ETSI Review

As owner of the Ice Objects Register, ETSI will carry as a standing agenda item on its meetings, a review of any outstanding recommendations from the Task Group.