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**GUIDANCE ON THE USE OF THE GRAPH AT FIGURE N.14, AS CONTAINED IN
APPENDIX N OF IAMSAR MANUAL, VOLUME II**

1 The Maritime Safety Committee, at its ninety-second session (12 to 21 June 2013), noted that concerns were raised about the graph, approved by MSC 90 (MSC.1/Circ.1415, annex, page 47) as a replacement for figure N.14 contained in appendix N of the IAMSAR Manual, Volume II. The Committee further noted that the Sub-Committee on Radiocommunications and Search and Rescue (COMSAR), at its seventeenth session (21 to 25 January 2013), had reconsidered the issue and developed Guidance on the use of the graph in figure N.14, as contained in appendix N of IAMSAR Manual, Volume II.

2 The Committee noted that concern had been expressed that, compared to the graph being replaced, significantly increased search times were being recommended, particularly at low-water temperatures, without sufficient justification for such a change being included in the updated text of chapter 3 of IAMSAR Manual, Volume II. This circular had been prepared to provide the necessary additional explanation, which would finally be incorporated in the 2016 edition of the IAMSAR Manual.

3 Member Governments are invited to bring the information to the attention of all parties concerned.

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