

Completion of ENC coverage for HSC by 1 July 2008

The mandatory ECDIS carriage requirement anchored in the IMO High Speed Craft (HSC) Code has already been put into force for HSC new builds by 1. July 2008 and will be followed by similar requirements for all other HSC by 1. July 2010. Craft operating in waters under national jurisdiction and therefore exempt from SOLAS requirements would not be subject to an ECDIS carriage requirement. Routes of international HSC traffic, however, should now be covered with official ENC's from 1 July 2008 on, or when new builds come into service, or by July 2010 at the latest.

IHO Technical Resolution K2.17 (WEND Principles), namely para Nr. 2.3 takes note of this:

- “2.3 By the dates established by IMO, Member States will strive to either:*
a Provide the necessary ENC coverage, or
b Agree with other States to produce the necessary ENC coverage on their behalf.

IHO will address overall coverage on a regional basis through Regional Hydrographic Commissions.”

It is recommended that all BSHC members which have not yet completed full ENC coverage in their waters, check ENC coverage in terms of geographic dimensions and scale along HSC routes bound to their waters of jurisdiction and report the status at the meeting by means of the template below:

Member state	HSC (SOLAS) ferry route affected	ENC coverage along these routes