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## Violations of copyright, etc. of Danish charts

In April 2012, the Danish High Court delivered a judgment in a case between the National Survey and Cadastre and a German publisher.

In its judgment, the High Court determined that the German publisher had violated the copyright of nautical charts published by the National Survey and Cadastre. This was based on a determination that the National Survey and Cadastre's nautical charts are protected by a Bill from 1816 on the copyright of nautical charts.

As a result of this finding, the High Court required the German publisher to cease the import and sale in Denmark of its charts covering Danish waters.

The judgment has been appealed by the German publishers.