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REPOSITORY OF CHARTS AND NAUTICAL DOCUMENTS AT THE IHB

- Ref:**
- 1) IHB Circular Letter 25/1999 of 31 May 1999
 - 2) IHB Circular Letter 4/2000 of 19 January 2000
 - 3) Article 19 of the IHO General Regulations

Dear Sir,

In order to reduce the cost of archiving Member States' charts in the IHB Chartroom, an amendment to Article 19 of the IHO General Regulations was proposed to, and approved by, Member States (see CLs in references 1 and 2). The new Article 19 states that *"To enable the Bureau to achieve its purpose, the Hydrographic Offices of Member Governments shall forward copies of their new international (INT) charts, electronic charts (raster and vector), as well as any nautical publications"*.

As a result, copies of non-INT charts need no longer be sent to the IHB. However, it has been noted that a number of these charts are still being forwarded to the Bureau on a regular basis. Member States are kindly requested to amend their automatic Distribution Lists for charts and nautical documents accordingly.

Member States' attention is also drawn to the fact that, following the re-organisation of the International Hydrographic Bulletin, the section relating to newly published charts and nautical publications, which used to appear in an appendix of the Bulletin, has been transferred to the IHO website (www.iho.shom.fr/general/files/news.htm#CHARTS) as from January 2000. It is intended to incorporate in this list, in due course, references to HOs' websites where similar information can be found.

On behalf of the Directing Committee
Yours sincerely,


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Director