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S-57, EDITION 4.0

Reference: IHB Circular Letter 60/2002, dated 4 December 2002.

Dear Hydrographer,

Circular Letter 60/2002 announced that, in order to enable S-57 to support all types of hydrographic data, work was to begin on the development of S-57, Edition 4.0. The relevant references in the IHO Work Programme are:

Task 3.1.1. (Completion 2004) Objective 3.4.2.

Experience to date has shown that this development work is more difficult than anticipated. Member States should therefore note that the current best estimate for the completion of the work is now 2006.

Your comments on this matter would be most welcome.

On behalf of the Directing Committee Yours sincerely,

(original signed)

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