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**IHO DATA PROTECTION SCHEME**  
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*French and Spanish versions*

Reference: IHB Circular Letter 65/2003, dated 6 November 2003.

Dear Hydrographer,

CL 65/2003 announced the formal release of Edition 1.0 of the IHO Data Protection Scheme, IHO Publication S-63, October 2003, *English version*.

As part of the IHB's global effort to make the maximum number of its publications in the official and working languages of the IHO available, French and Spanish translations of S-63 have been produced thanks to the active support of the Hydrographic Services of France (*Service Hydrographique et océanographique de la Marine - SHOM*) and of Peru (*Dirección de Hidrografía y Navegación de la Marina - DHNM*).

The [French version of S-63](#) has now been completed and is available from the S-63 page of the IHO website ([www.iho.shom.fr](http://www.iho.shom.fr) > ENC > Data Protection > S-63 Availability). The Spanish version will also be posted on this site as soon as it is ready. It is not intended to translate the other components of the "S-63 package", e.g. Test Data Implementation Guide, as they are specifically intended for use by the commercial users of S-63.

The IHB is extremely grateful to both SHOM and DHNM for their support in this endeavour.

On behalf of the Directing Committee  
Yours sincerely,

*(original signed)*

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