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**CIRCULAR LETTER 68/2004
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AVAILABILITY OF ENC_s AND RNC_s

References:

- A. CL 50/2004 dated 13 July 2004
- B. IMO Document NAV 50/19 paragraph 18.36

Dear Hydrographer,

In the above referenced Circular Letter, the IHB sought information regarding the acceptance by maritime states of the use of ECDIS in RCDS mode and the definition of an “appropriate” portfolio of paper charts to be used as a back up. At Reference B the IMO Sub-Committee on Safety of Navigation (NAV) has also asked the IHO to report to NAV 51 in 2005 on the extent of worldwide ENC coverage and to what extent coastal waters are adequately covered by RNCs in relation to safety of navigation.

With regard to the extent of worldwide ENC coverage the IHB will compile a report based on the data held in its Global ENC catalogue – see www.iho.shom.fr >ENC > ENC Coverage. Member States producing ENC_s are requested to ensure that the latest information available has been uploaded to the web site or supplied to the IHB by email to info@ihb.mc with a copy to apharaoh@ihb.mc. With regard to the extent of adequate RNC coverage, Member States are requested to complete the attached questionnaire and return it to the IHB by 10 December 2004.

On behalf of the Directing Committee
Yours sincerely,

(original signed)

Vice Admiral Alexandros MARATOS
President

Annex A. Response Form.

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AVAILABILITY OF RNCs

Response Form

(to be returned to the IHB info@ihb.mc by 10 December 2004)

Member State:

- 1. Do you produce RNCs for your coastal waters? YES / NO

- 2. If the answer to question 1 is YES, do you consider that the coverage is adequate for safe coastal navigation at small, medium and large scales?

Small scale: YES /NO Medium Scale: YES / NO Large Scale: YES / NO

- 3. Do you have a bilateral agreement with another State or States to produce RNCs of your coastal waters? YES / NO If yes which State(s)?

- 4. Do you produce RNCs for another State or States under a bilateral agreement?

YES /NO

- 5. If the answer to question 4 is YES, for which State(s) do you produce RNCs and do you consider that this provides adequate coverage for safe coastal navigation at small, medium and large scales in the relevant national waters?

Country:

Small scale: YES /NO Medium Scale: YES / NO Large Scale: YES / NO

(If you produce RNCs for more than one country please provide the relevant information on a separate sheet.)

- 6. What percentage of your waters do you consider to be adequately covered by RNCs for the purpose of safety of navigation?

Date:

Signature: