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OBSOLETE AND OBSOLESCENT ENTRIES IN INT 1 AND M-4

References:

- A. Chart Symbols and Abbreviations booklet INT 1, English version (German/English Edition 1996)
- B. Chart Specifications of the IHO M-4, Part B

Dear Hydrographer,

The German Hydrographic Office (BSH) is currently engaged in a revision of the official English language version of INT 1 *Symbols, Abbreviations and Terms used on Charts.* INT 1 is a supplementary document to M-4, the *Regulations of the IHO for International Charts and Chart Specifications of the IHO*, which is maintained by the Chart Standardization and Paper Chart Working Group (CSPCWG) of the IHO's CHRIS committee. The CSPCWG is engaged in a long-term revision on M-4, Part B.

At a meeting of the CSPCWG held from the 3-5 November 2004 at the Bureau, it was proposed that the current revision of INT 1 provides an opportunity to remove the symbols for use on lattice charts (section IS 20-42) and to cancel section B-600 in M-4.

It was also proposed that a few other symbols could now be marked as obsolescent within INT 1, and removed from M-4 during the current revision. Specifically these are IS 10 (RC), IS 13 (Consol Beacon) and IS 16 (Aero RC).

INT 1 does not contain an example of a Compass 'Points' circle. However, there is still a reference to this in M-4 B.261.2. The CSPCWG plans to remove this during the current revision of M-4 part B.

It is also the intention of the CSPCWG that the 'I' prefix to lettered sections in INT 1, together with the references to the old 'Standard List of Symbols and Abbreviations' in column 5, should be removed. It is believed that the section letters in INT 1 are now sufficiently established that the transitional period, referred to in the introduction to INT 1, can be regarded as completed. Similarly, the 'Standard List' is no longer in use.

In order to assist the BSH and the CSPCWG in the progress of the INT 1 and M-4 revisions, you are requested to complete the attached form. As the work on INT 1 is well advanced, please return the completed form to the IHB **by 9 February 2005**, i.e. within three months according to Specification B-160. The outcomes of this survey will be announced in a subsequent Circular Letter.

On behalf of the Directing Committee Yours sincerely, (original signed) Vice Admiral Alexandros MARATOS President

Encl: Annex A

OBSOLETE AND OBSOLESCENT ENTRIES IN INT 1 AND M-4 Response Form (to be returned to the IHB info@ihb.mc by 9 February 2005)

M	ember State:		
	I	VEC	NO
1	Do you agree that entries in INT 1 for lattice charts (IS 20-42) should be removed?	YES	NO
2	Do you agree that section B-600 in M-4 should be cancelled?		
3	Do you agree that the symbol IS 10 (RC) should be marked obsolescent in INT and subsequently removed from M-4?		
4	Do you agree that the symbol IS 13 (Consol Beacon) should be marked obsolescent in INT and subsequently removed from M-4?		
5	Do you agree that the symbol IS 16 (Aero RC) should be marked obsolescent in INT and subsequently removed from M-4?		
6	Do you agree that the reference to points circles in compasses should be removed from M-4?		
7	Do you agree that the 'I' prefix and references to 'Standard List of Symbols and Abbreviations' in column 5 should be removed?		
Co	omments / Proposals:		
Name / Signature: Date:			
E-mail:			