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**IHO SUBMISSION TO IMO REGARDING
ECDIS PERFORMANCE STANDARDS**

Reference: IHO Circular Letter 69/2004 of 15 October 2004.

Dear Hydrographer,

Circular Letter 69/2004 sought support from Member States for an IHO submission to the May 2005 IMO Maritime Safety Committee (MSC) meeting to amend the IMO Performance Standards for ECDIS, as a result of a recommendation made by the 16th CHRIS meeting (Ottawa, Canada, May 2004) on simplifying IHO Publication S-52, and the release of the IHO Data Protection Scheme S-63. A "track-changes" version of the IMO PS with the proposed amendments was available for review on the IHO website.

The Bureau thanks the 40 Member States who responded to CL 69. Of these, 37 expressed support for the proposed amendments to the IMO PS resulting from S-52 simplification and 38 agreed that a reference to S-63 be included in the IMO PS.

Consequently, a submission to MSC/80 has been prepared at the IHB and addressed to the IMO Secretariat. A copy is on the IHO website (www.iho.shom.fr > Committees > CHRIS > revision of S-52).

Member States are requested to brief their national maritime administrations so that they are knowledgeable of this matter when it is presented at MSC/80.

On behalf of the Directing Committee
Yours sincerely,

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Director