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CURRENT AND FUTURE AVAILABILITY OF ENCS

References: A. CL 16/2004 dated 18 February 2004

B. CL 68/2004 dated 12 October 2004

Dear Hydrographer,

In the Circular Letter in Reference B. above, the IHB requested Member States to update the information relating to ENC availability held in the database which can be accessed through the IHO website and the IHB thanks those MS who have complied with this request.

The IHB will be using the information in this database to prepare a report to the IMO Sub-Committee on Safety of Navigation and it is therefore of great importance that the information is as complete as possible. The information relating to those ENCs, which have been produced, but not yet released and ENCs that are planned, is just as important as the details of those that are already available. The data, in the prescribed format (see www.iho.shom.fr > ENC Coverage), may be uploaded directly to the web site or supplied to the IHB by email to info@ihb.mc with a copy to apharaoh@ihb.mc.

Any problems in updating ENC data or suggested improvements to the presentation and management of the ENC Coverage Catalogue should be reported to the IHB (info@ihb.mc), as requested in the CL in Reference A. above.

Member States who have not already done so and those who have new data are requested to update their information at the earliest opportunity and by 1 March 2005 in order to inform this report.

On behalf of the Directing Committee

Yours sincerely,

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President