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ENC Production, Availability and Coverage

References: A. IHB CL71/2006 dated 23 October 2006
B. IHB CL 83/2006 dated 12 December 2006

Dear Hydrographer,

The IHB would like to thank the following 28 Member States whose responses to the request for ENC data at Reference A have been received at the IHB by 18 January 2007: Algeria; Argentina; Australia; Bahrain; Brazil; Chile; Denmark; Estonia; Finland; Germany; Greece; Iceland; Iran IR of; Italy; Latvia; Netherlands; New Zealand; Norway; Oman; Papua New Guinea; Poland; Portugal; South Africa; Spain; Sweden; Turkey; Ukraine and the USA.

Responses have been requested by 31 January 2007 as this information is important if the IHO is to provide accurate and complete information to the International Maritime Organization (IMO). As reported at Reference B the IMO Maritime Safety Committee (MSC) at its 82nd session adopted the amendments to the High Speed Craft Codes introducing a mandatory carriage requirement for ECDIS from 1 July 2008 for new build craft and from 1 July 2010 for existing craft.

Those Member States who have not yet responded to CL71/2006 are requested to do so at the earliest opportunity. Copies of the Annexes to CL71/2006 are enclosed with this CL for your convenience.

On behalf of the Directing Committee

Yours sincerely,

Vice Admiral Alexandros MARATOS
President

Enclosures:

Annex A to CL71/2006: High Speed and Dynamically Stabilised Craft
Annex B to CL71/2006: International Shipping Routes
Annex C to CL71/2006: Port Approach Routes and Major Harbours

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HIGH SPEED AND DYNAMICALLY STABILISED CRAFT

MEMBER STATE:

1. Do High Speed / Dynamically Stabilised Craft operate in waters under your jurisdiction?

YES NO

2. If the answer to 1 is yes, are the routes they follow currently covered by ENCs?

YES NO PARTIALLY PERCENTAGE

3. If the answer to 2 is no or partially, will the routes be covered by ENCs by 1 July 2008?

YES NO PARTIALLY PERCENTAGE

4. If the answer to 3 is no or partially, will the routes be covered by ENCs by 1 July 2010?

YES NO PARTIALLY PERCENTAGE

5. If the answer to 4 is no or partially, do you require assistance to achieve adequate coverage by 1 July 2010? (Note: If the answer to this question is yes the IHB will make direct contact with the MS concerned to evaluate how this assistance can best be provided.)

YES NO

Signature :

Date :

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INTERNATIONAL SHIPPING ROUTES

MEMBER STATE:

1. Are the international shipping routes in your area of charting responsibility currently adequately covered by ENCs?

YES NO PARTIALLY PERCENTAGE

2. If the answer to 1 is no or partially, will the international shipping routes in your area of charting responsibility be adequately covered by ENCs by 1 July 2010?

YES NO PARTIALLY PERCENTAGE

3. If the answer to 1 is no or partially, do you require assistance to achieve adequate coverage by 1 July 2010? (Note: If the answer to this question is yes the IHB will make direct contact with the MS concerned to evaluate how this assistance can best be provided.)

YES NO

Signature:

Date:

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PORT APPROACH ROUTES AND MAJOR HARBOURS

MEMBER STATE:

1. Are the port approach routes and major harbours in your area of charting responsibility currently adequately covered by ENCs?

YES NO PARTIALLY PERCENTAGE

2. If the answer to 1 is no or partially, will the port approach routes and major harbours in your area of charting responsibility be adequately covered by ENCs by 1 July 2010?

YES NO PARTIALLY PERCENTAGE

3. If the answer to 2 is no or partially, do you require assistance to achieve adequate coverage by 1 July 2010? (Note: If the answer to this question is yes the IHB will make direct contact with the MS concerned to evaluate how this assistance can best be provided.)

YES NO

Signature:

Date: