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IHB CHART COLLECTION

IHO PUBLICATION M-11

“Guidance for the Preparation of International Chart Schemes and Catalogue of INT Charts”

Reference: a) CL07/2006 dated 19 January
b) IHO General Regulations

Dear Hydrographer,

I. IHB Chart Collection

1 The Bureau is grateful to the following Member States for their continuous support in providing the IHB with copies of the new International (INT) charts, or new editions, they have published, in compliance with Article 19 of the IHO General Regulations, and urge all other Member States to do the same:

Belgium, Brazil, Denmark, Estonia, France, Germany, Greece, Iceland, India, Korea (Rep. of), Netherlands, New Zealand, Poland, Portugal, Russia, Slovenia, South Africa, Spain, United Kingdom and USA.

The IHB collection of INT charts is useful:

- For consultation as necessary;
- To keep up the cartographic competence of IHB personnel;
- To check their compliance with the IHO chart specifications;
- To maintain the worldwide catalogue of INT charts, as contained in IHO publication M-11.

2 Circular Letter in reference a) reported on the IHB's wish to reduce its collection of national charts, resulting from the provision of Member States charts over the years, and invited Member States to indicate if they wished to review and/or retrieve their holdings. This CL also conveyed the IHB's desire to maintain a worldwide portfolio and suggested the UKHO portfolio would be appropriate.

3 The Bureau is grateful to the following 19 Member States that responded: Algeria, Argentina, Australia, Belgium, Canada, Cuba, Ecuador, France, Greece, Italy, Netherlands, New Zealand, Poland, South Africa, Spain, Sweden, Turkey, UK and USA. As a result, either the responding Member States agreed that the IHB dispose of their charts, or arrangements were made for Member States to retrieve their holdings, or part of them, e.g. on the occasion of Member States' representatives visiting the IHB.

4 It is the IHB's intention to actually dispose of all remaining national charts, except those from the UKHO, after the 17th IH Conference in next May. The Conference will therefore be the last opportunity for Member States to review, and, if they wish, retrieve their holdings at the IHB. Those

Member States so inclined are invited to plan a visit to the IHB chartroom during the Conference, coordinating with the IHB in advance.

5 Additionally, the IHB would most appreciate the continued receipt of UKHO's charts and all Member States' chart catalogues.

II. IHO Publication M-11

1 Edition 2.000 of M-11 was posted on the IHO website in November 2006. It comprises two parts. Part A "Guidance for the Preparation and Maintenance of International Chart Schemes" is maintained by the Chart Specifications and Paper Charts Working Group (CSPCWG). Part B "Catalogue of International Charts" provides details on all INT charts scheduled and/or published, and is maintained by the IHB in liaison with the 14 regional coordinators of INT chart schemes.

2 Annex A lists all INT regions, with coordinating Member States, relevant regional hydrographic commission and/or charting committee, and names of contact persons, as known to the IHB, to be confirmed / corrected / completed. Coordinators are requested to review this list and provide any changes to the IHB (mhuet@ihb.mc) as appropriate.

3 It is intended that updated regional sections of M-11 will be uploaded to the IHO website from time to time, when there are sufficient changes pertaining to a particular region. Coordinators are invited to check that M-11 is up-to-date for their respective regions and report any amendments to the IHB.

Thank you for your attention.

On behalf of the Directing Committee
Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'K. Barbor', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Rear Admiral Kenneth BARBOR
Director

Enclosure: Annex A - INT chart regions

INT CHART REGIONS

Region	Coordinator	Commission Committee	Contact Person
A (NW Atl. & NE Pac. Oceans)	USA/NOS	USCHC	<i>To be nominated</i> meg.danley@noaa.gov
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C1 (SW Atl. Ocean)	Brazil	SWAtHC	Mr. Wesley CAVALHEIRO wesley.cavalheiro@dhn.mar.mil.br
C2 (SE Pac. Ocean)	Chile	SEPHC	<i>To be nominated</i> shoa@shoa.cl
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E (Baltic Sea)	Denmark	BSHC BSICC	Ms. Hanne BERG hnb@kms.dk
F (Med. & Black Seas)	France	MBSHC MEDINCHART	Ing. en Chef Yves GUILLAM yves.guillam@shom.fr
G (East Atl. Ocean)	France	EAtHC CHATINTCHART	Ing. en Chef Yves GUILLAM yves.guillam@shom.fr
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