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References: a) IHB CL4/2007 dated 11 January
b) IMO CL No. 2773 dated 25 January
c) IHB CL 47/2007 dated 23 May

**IHO ONLINE CHART CATALOGUE -
COASTAL STATES' RECOMMENDED PAPER CHARTS**

Dear Hydrographer,

1 At the references the IHB requested IHO and IMO Member States to provide information, for inclusion in the IHO online chart catalogue, regarding their recommendations on paper chart carriage requirements as:

- a) Backup to a single ECDIS as set out in the footnote to SOLAS V/2/1/4 and;
- b) Backup to ECDIS operating in the RCDS mode as set out in the ECDIS PS (IMO resolution MSC.232(82)) Appendix 7 (RCDS Mode of operation) paragraph 3.7.

2 The IHB would like to thank the following 31 States who have provided information: Argentina, Australia, Belgium, Brazil, Colombia, Cyprus, Denmark, Ecuador, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, India, Indonesia, Japan, Korea Rep of, Lithuania, Netherlands, Norway, Peru, Poland, Portugal, Russian Federation, Slovenia, South Africa, Spain, Sweden, Tunisia, Ukraine, United Kingdom and the USA. However these replies represent less than 50% of the Member States of the IHO and less than 25% of the Member States of the IMO and it is vital that further information is provided if this facility is to be of use to mariners.

3 As explained in reference C the replies received by the IHB have showed great variety in both content and presentation. In order to incorporate the information provided within the IHO Online Chart Catalogue the IHB will convert all submissions into ADOBE pdf documents. From within the catalogue these will be available either by selecting a coastal State's name from a drop down menu or by clicking on a coastal State on the map. For coastal States that have not replied to this request for information, a "No information Available" message will be displayed.

4 Those Member States that have not yet provided the information are requested to do so, in coordination with their Maritime Safety Agencies, **as a matter of urgency**. The IHB will request the Secretary General of IMO to issue a similar request to all IMO Member States

On behalf of the Directing Committee
Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in purple ink, appearing to read 'A. Maratos', is written over a horizontal line.

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President