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NEW EDITION OF S-63 – IHO Data Protection Scheme

Edition 1.1, March 2008

- References:**
- a) CL 113/2007 dated 7 December – *Entry into force of revised edition of S-63 – IHO Data Protection Scheme*
 - b) CL 65/2003 dated 6 November– *IHO Data Protection Scheme, Publication S-63, Edition 1.0*

Dear Hydrographer,

1 Reference a) reported on the endorsement of a draft new edition 1.1 of IHO publication S-63 – *IHO Data Protection Scheme* by the Committee on Hydrographic Requirements for Information Systems (CHRIS) at its 19th meeting in Rotterdam in November 2007, and invited Member States to review and comment on this draft.

2 The Bureau thanks the following Member States that provided responses, all which were supportive of the proposed new edition: Brazil, Canada, Cuba, Germany, Finland, France, Monaco, Norway and Portugal. France suggested some editorial changes that have now been included in the S-63 documentation. Germany provided a number of very useful and substantive comments which have been considered by the CHRIS Data Protection Scheme Working Group (DPSWG) and this has resulted in a number of improvements and clarifications to the new edition.

3 The finalised English version of Edition 1.1 of S-63 has now been posted on the IHO website (www.iho.int > Publications > Download List). French and Spanish versions will be posted on the website as soon as they are available. The supporting test data for S-63 e1.1 is currently in its final stage of development by the Norwegian Electronic Chart Centre (ECC) and will be placed on the IHO website as soon as it has been completed.

4 Edition 1.1 of S-63, dated March 2008, has now entered into force and supersedes the previous edition announced in reference b).

5 The Directing Committee thanks the UKHO, the ECC and all members of the DPSWG for their valuable support in preparing this new edition of S-63. Special thanks are conveyed to Mr. Richard Coombes and Mr. Jonathan Pritchard of the UKHO, who have been instrumental in this work.

On behalf of the Directing Committee
Yours sincerely,

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