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ADOPTION OF THE INFORMATION BOOKLET
"FACTS ABOUT ELECTRONIC CHARTS AND CARRIAGE REQUIREMENTS"
AS AN IHO PUBLICATION - S-66

Reference: A. CL16/2008 dated 22 February 2008.

Dear Hydrographer,

1. The IHB would like to thank the following Member States who replied to CL 16/2008 concerning the proposal to adopt the booklet "*Facts about Electronic Charts and Carriage Requirements*" as an IHO publication and to seek subsequently co-sponsorship of the document with IMO: Algeria, Argentina, Australia, Bangladesh, Brazil, Canada, Cuba, Ecuador, Estonia, Fiji, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Rep of Korea, Latvia, Mexico, Monaco, Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Pakistan, Papua New Guinea, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Qatar, Romania, Singapore, Slovenia, South Africa, Spain, Sweden, Turkey, United Kingdom, United States of America and Uruguay.
2. France commented that the booklet may require some minor revision before it is suitable for consideration as an IHO-IMO document. The Directing Committee will ensure that this is brought to the attention of the CHRIS when it meets in November 2008.
3. All 42 responses supported the proposals. There are currently 80 Member States of the IHO, with two Member States suspended. Therefore in accordance with paragraph 6 of Article VI of the Convention on the IHO the majority required for adoption of a Technical Resolution is 39. The booklet *Facts about Electronic Charts and Carriage Requirements* is therefore adopted as an IHO publication and has been allocated the sequential number S-66.
4. An amended cover and preamble will be prepared and S-66 will be posted on the IHO website in due course. S-66 will be made available in digital form only and will be free of charge. In the meantime, Edition 2 of the existing booklet is available in English, Spanish and Japanese from sources on the World Wide Web including the RENCs.

On behalf of the Directing Committee
Yours sincerely,

Captain Robert WARD
Director