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**GUIDELINES FOR ENCODING TEMPORARY AND PRELIMINARY ENC UPDATES**

- References:
- a) CHRIS 20 Minutes and paper CHRIS20-06.1C - *Temporary (T) and Preliminary (P) Notices to be used with ENCs*
  - b) IHB CL 13/2010 dated 1 February - Approval of Edition 1.2 of S-65 - *ENC Production Guidance*
  - c) HSSC-2 paper HSSC2-05.10A - *Report of EUWG to HSSC-2*

Dear Hydrographer,

1 As highlighted by different committees or working groups and noted by the Hydrographic Services and Standards Committee (HSSC) in reference a) , the inconsistencies in the promulgation and distribution of Temporary (T) and Preliminary (P) Notices to Mariners (NMs) intended for use in ECDIS has implications for safety of navigation and ENC consistency.

2 Reference b) reported on Member States' adoption of Edition 1.2 of Publication S-65 *ENC Production Guidance*. The new edition includes in its Annex B a set of *Guidelines for encoding temporary and preliminary ENC updates* that were prepared by the ENC Updating Working Group (EUWG) of the HSSC. Reference c) provides further background information. The Guidelines are intended to improve and clarify the situation.

3 Annex B to S-65, in effect, describes the best practices for applying temporary and preliminary ENC updates and identifies key principles for ensuring the appropriate encoding of these updates, through a set of pragmatic recommendations.

4 As part of the follow-up process and in order to help the EUWG to further progress its work, the HSSC, at its 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting (Rostock, Germany, 26-29 October 2010), requested that the IHB conduct a survey of Member States regarding how the recently approved *Guidelines for Encoding T&P ENC Updates*, in Annex B to S-65 are being implemented, in order to establish the status of production of T&P ENC updates for each nation.

5 A Response Form is provided at Annex A to this letter. Member States producing ENCs are requested to report the status of T&P ENC updating procedures for their ENCs using this form. The completed form should be returned to the IHB **by 31 March 2011**.

On behalf of the Directing Committee

Yours sincerely,

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**RESPONSE FORM**  
**Status of T&P ENC Updating Procedures**

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Member State:

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1. Do you produce Temporary (T) and Preliminary (P) Notices to Mariners (NMs) for paper Charts?  
Note: T and P NMs for paper charts are described in IHO publication S-4 Part B-600 "Chart maintenance".

Yes	No
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

2. If you answer "Yes" to question 1, do you promulgate the equivalent of the T and P NMs for paper charts via ENC updates (via ER application profile)?

Yes	No
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Comments:

3. If you answer "No" to question 2, please indicate when you plan to produce T and P updates for ENC via ER application profiles as recommended in Annex B to S-65?

Year
<input type="text"/>

Comments:

4. Do you think that the *Guidelines for Encoding T&P ENC Updates* (Annex B to S-65) provide sufficient guidance on how to encode T and P NMs via ENC updates?

Yes	Improvements could be made (please comment below)	No opinion

Comments on how the guidance in Annex B to S-65 could be improved:

**Signature:**

**Date:**