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IHO PUBLICATIONS:

S-52 appendix 1 "Guidance on Updating the Electronic Navigational Chart" - Edition 4.0.0
S-65 "ENCs, Production, Maintenance and Distribution Guidance" - Edition 2.0.0

REQUEST FOR MEMBER STATE APPROVAL OF THE NEW EDITIONS

- References:
- a) CL 106/2008 dated 15 December- 20th CHRIS Meeting, Niteroi, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, 3-7 November 2008
 - b) CL 92/2008 dated 14 November - CHRIS ENC Updating Working Group
 - c) CL 15/1997 dated 3 March - *Guidance on Updating the Electronic Navigational Chart, Publication S-52, Appendix 1, 3rd Ed., December 1996*
 - c) CL 45/2008 dated 5 May -*Edition 1.1 of IHO Publication S-65 - ENC Production Guidance*

Dear Hydrographer,

1 As reported in references a) and b), the then IHO CHRIS Committee (now HSSC: Hydrographic Services and Standards Committee) decided, at its 20th meeting, to establish an "ENC Updating Working Group (EUWG)" to address issues relating to ENC updating. Tasks given to the EUWG included "to review and revise the updating mechanisms as contained in S-52 Appendix 1".

2 The EUWG, chaired by France (Mr. Yves Le Franc), reviewed the current 3rd edition of S-52 Appendix 1, which was introduced by reference c). The EUWG identified that guidance provided in the publication could be divided into:

- 1) Guidance on production and distribution of ENC updates, and
- 2) Guidance on processing of ENC updates into an ECDIS.

3 Noting that S-65 ENC Production Guidance had been published meanwhile (see reference d), EUWG proposed that "Guidance on production and distribution of ENC updates" be included in S-65, whereas "Guidance on processing of ENC updates into an ECDIS" should form the basis of a new edition of S-52 Appendix 1.

4 Accordingly, the EUWG prepared new editions of S-65 and S-52 Appendix 1, which were submitted to HSSC at its 3rd meeting in late November. The Committee endorsed both draft new editions and invited the IHB to seek Member States' approval.

5 In accordance with IHO Resolution 2/2007, as amended, Member States are requested to review and consider:

- the draft edition 4.0.0 of S-52 Appendix 1 *Guidance on Updating the Electronic Navigational Chart*, which is available for inspection on the IHO website at: www.iho.int/mtg_docs/com_wg/HSSC/HSSC3/Draft_S-52_App1_Ed4.0.0.pdf, and
- the draft edition 2.0.0 of S-65 *ENCs, Production, Maintenance and Distribution Guidance*, which is available for inspection on the IHO website at: www.iho.int/mtg_docs/com_wg/HSSC/HSSC3/Draft_S-65_Ed2.0.0.pdf,

and to indicate their decision by returning the Voting Paper, provided in Annex A, **by 15 March 2012**.

6 The Committee further decided that the EUWG be disbanded once its work has been adopted by Member States. The Directing Committee is grateful to the EUWG Chair (Mr. Yves Le Franc) and Vice Chair (Mr. Richard Coombes) for their valuable work and to the French and UK HOs for making them available.

On behalf of the Directing Committee
Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Robert Ward', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Robert WARD
Director

Encl: Annex A

VOTING FORM
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ADOPTION OF EDITION 4.0.0 OF S-52 Appendix 1

1. Do you approve the adoption of edition 4.0.0 of S-52 Appendix 1 *Guidance on Updating the Electronic Navigational Chart*?

YES

NO

ADOPTION OF EDITION 2.0.0 OF S-65

2. Do you approve the adoption of edition 2.0.0 of S-65 *ENCs, Production, Maintenance and Distribution Guidance*?

YES

NO

Comments (if required)