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**GUIDANCE FOR THE PREPARATION AND MAINTENANCE OF  
INTERNATIONAL CHART SCHEMES (S-11 PART A)**

**New Edition 2.0.5**

Reference: IHO CL 22/2012 dated 17 February

Dear Hydrographer,

1 The Directing Committee thanks the following 38 Member States who replied to the Reference: Algeria, Argentina, Australia, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Canada, Chile, Colombia, Croatia, Denmark, Ecuador, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Iceland, India, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Korea (Rep. of), Latvia, Malaysia, Mexico, Morocco, Netherlands, Norway, Peru, Poland, Romania, Singapore, Slovenia, South Africa, Spain, Sweden, Ukraine, United Kingdom, and United States. As requested by the Reference, these Member States provided updating information for Annex A - *Potential Printer Nations* and Annex B - *Dimensions of Formats Used to Publication S-11 Part A Guidance for the Preparation and Maintenance of International Chart Schemes*. Five States provided specific comments which, together with explanatory responses where appropriate, are provided in Annex A.

2 Information provided by Member States has been used to update Annexes A and B. This has resulted in a new edition 2.0.5 of S-11 Part A that is effective immediately. This new edition is available from the IHO publications download section of the IHO website. See [www.iho.int](http://www.iho.int) → Committees & WG → download IHO Publications → S-11.

On behalf of the Directing Committee  
Yours sincerely,

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Director

Annex A: Comments by Member States

COMMENTS BY MEMBER STATES  
IN RESPONSE TO CL 22/2012

**Australia:** Standardized charts at a maximum A0 size will maximise efficiency for the printing process and the mariner.

**Colombia:** Printing of charts in Colombia is carried out by commercial printers external to the hydrographic office.

**France:** In order to avoid any ambiguities in the naming of “areas in which the Member State is a potential printer” (see S-11, Part A, Annex A) and in the absence of an up-to-date version of the S-23 publication, France suggests limiting the list to the INT charting regions, listed by name. For a country which is a potential printer only in the Mediterranean area, we would mark, for example, Region F.

***Comment by IHB:** We think this is an interesting suggestion. However, the benefit of replacing any geographical area with the relevant INT chart region should be balanced with the inconvenience of a possible loss of precision in the designation of the area of interest. For example, Bangladesh’s area of interest is Bay of Bengal; mentioning Region J instead may not be precise enough. France’ suggestion has been passed to CSPCWG for future consideration.*

**Norway:** The formalization of INT Chart Region N, in progress, will result in a transfer of a part of responsibility from Region D to Region N.

**United States:** NOAA prints at paper size 37” x 48” and 37” x 54”. Small craft or folded charts are at 42-2/2” x 59-7/8”.