



THIS CIRCULAR LETTER REQUIRES A RESPONSE FROM ALL MEMBER STATES

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References:

- A. IHO CL 57/2014 dated 12 August - *Outcome of the Sixth Meeting of the Inter Regional Coordination Committee (IRCC6)*
- B. IHO Resolution 1/1997 as amended - *Principles of the Worldwide Electronic Navigational Chart Database (WEND)*
- C. EIHC-5 6 CONF.EX5/G/03 (*Red Book*).

Dear Hydrographer,

1. Reference A informed Member States of the outcome of the sixth meeting of the Inter Regional Coordination Committee (IRCC6).
2. As reported in the minutes of the meeting, the Committee discussed the implementation of the WEND concept and agreed on action IRCC6/38 that tasked the IHB to issue a Circular Letter asking ENC producer nations whether they distribute their ENCs via the established system of RENCs and, if not, what are their reasons for not doing so.
3. In relation to paragraph 2, clause 2c of Reference B concerning the provision of services is relevant:
  - c) *Member States are encouraged to distribute their ENCs through a RENC in order to share in common experience and reduce expenditure, and to ensure the greatest possible standardization, consistency, reliability and availability of ENCs.*
4. Member States that are producing ENCs are requested to indicate whether they distribute all their ENCs, including any ENCs produced on behalf of other States, via the established system of RENCs and, if not, to provide the reason(s) why they do not do so.
5. Meanwhile, those Member States that do not produce ENCs are requested to indicate who is their primary ENC charting authority, so that a complete census of ENC distribution can be achieved.
6. All Member States are requested to submit their responses using the Response Form, provided in the Annex **no later than 30 September**. This will enable the IHB to collate the responses in time to present them as part of the considerations on the WEND concept that will take place during the 5<sup>th</sup> Extraordinary International Hydrographic Conference in October (see Reference C).

On behalf of the Directing Committee  
Yours sincerely,

Robert WARD  
President

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**Response Form**

*(to be returned to the IHB by 30 September 2014)*

*E-mail: [info@iho.int](mailto:info@iho.int) - Fax: +377 93 10 81 40)*

Note: The boxes will expand as you type your answers

**Member State:**

**Contact:**

**E-mail:**


Member States that are ENC producers:

Do you distribute all the ENCs you produce via the established system of RENCs?	Yes	No
If no, please indicate the reason(s) for not distributing any ENCs via the established system of RENCs:		

Member States that are not ENC producers:

Please indicate your Primary Charting Authority for the production of ENCs for waters within your national jurisdiction:
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Please provide any additional comments in section below.

**Additional Comments:**

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**Signature:**

**Date:**
