



THIS CIRCULAR LETTER REQUIRES A RESPONSE

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**S-11 PART A - GUIDANCE FOR THE PREPARATION AND MAINTENANCE OF
INTERNATIONAL CHART SCHEMES**
**- Request for information to update Annexes A and B -
INT Chart Printing Capacity of IHO Member States**

References:

- A. IHO Publication S-11 Part A: *Guidance for the Preparation and Maintenance of International Chart Schemes, Edition 2.0.5, May 2012*
- B. Report of NCWG-1 - available at www.iho.int > Committees&WGs > HSSC > NCWG
- C. IHO CL 22/2012 - *Guidance for the preparation and maintenance of International Chart Schemes - Updating of Annexes A and B*

Dear Hydrographer,

1. The current Edition of IHO publication S-11 Part A - *Guidance for the Preparation and Maintenance of International Chart Schemes* was published in May 2012 (Reference A). In accordance with its work plan and as reported in Reference B, the Nautical Cartography Working Group (NCWG), in liaison with the INT Charts / ENC Regional Coordinators, is preparing a new Edition of S-11 Part A. The main purpose is to incorporate guidance relating to the preparation and maintenance of ENC schemes.
2. The revision of S-11 Part A also offers the opportunity to review and update its Annexes A and B that provide information on potential printer nations and the dimensions and formats that those potential printer nations can support. The existing Annexes are based mainly on information dating back as far as 1990, except where updated information has been provided in accordance with Reference C.
3. It is likely that some Member States may have changed the extent of their chart portfolios (and therefore the areas in which they are potential producer or printer nations of INT charts), and the sizes of charts that they are able to print. Member States are therefore kindly requested to provide information to enable the annexes in S-11 Part A to be updated, by returning the response form at Annex A to the IHB **no later than 30 September 2015**.
4. If no response is received from an IHO Member State, it will be assumed that the Member State does not produce or re-print INT charts and has no intention of doing so in the near future. Nevertheless it will be possible for a Member State to provide the NCWG and the IHB with new information in the future, if circumstances change.

On behalf of the Directing Committee
Yours sincerely,

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Director

**GUIDANCE FOR THE PREPARATION AND MAINTENANCE OF
INTERNATIONAL CHART SCHEMES (S-11 PART A)
Updating of information contained in Annexes A and B
INT Chart Printing Capacity of IHO Member States**

Response Form

(to be returned to the IHB no later than 30 September 2015)

E-mail: info@iho.int - Fax: +377 93 10 81 40)

Note: If no response is received from an IHO Member State, it will be considered that this Member State does not produce or re-print INT charts and has no intention of doing so in the near future.

Member State:
Contact:
E-mail:

INT Chart Area¹ in which Member State is a potential producer/printer of INT charts

Agree to use a maximum paper size of A0 (yes/no)

Comment:

Signature:
Date:

¹ As defined in S-11 Part B.