



THIS CIRCULAR LETTER REQUIRES YOU TO VOTE

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CALL FOR APPROVAL OF REVISION 2.1.0 OF IHO PUBLICATION S-65
- ELECTRONIC NAVIGATIONAL CHARTS (ENCs) “PRODUCTION, MAINTENANCE
AND DISTRIBUTION GUIDANCE”

References:

- A IHO CL 52/2012 dated 21 May - *Adoption of the New Editions of IHO Publications*;
- B Document HSSC7-07.1A - *IRCC activities (including MSDI) affecting HSSC*;
- C IHO Resolution 1/1997 as amended - *Principles of the Worldwide Electronic Chart Database (WEND)*;
- D IHO CL 40/2014 dated 26 May - *Definition of cartographic boundary included in the annex to the WEND Principles and revision of the guidelines for the implementation of the WEND Principles*;
- E IHO CL 08/2017 dated 25 January - *Outcome of the eighth meeting of the Hydrographic Services and Standards Committee (HSSC)*.

Dear Hydrographer,

1. The adoption by the IHO Member States of Edition 2.0.0 of the IHO Standard S-65 - *Electronic Navigational Charts (ENCs) “Production, Maintenance and Distribution Guidance”* was announced in Reference A. The ENC Standards Maintenance Working Group (ENCWG) has continued to maintain this publication as directed by its programme of work.
2. Following a request of the Inter-Regional Coordination Committee (IRCC) through the Hydrographic Services and Standards Committee (HSSC) - see reference B, the ENCWG was instructed to align S-65 with the changes to the WEND Principles (Reference C) which had been approved by the Member States (Reference D). In addition, a general editorial review of the publication was conducted.
3. At its 8th meeting in November 2016, the HSSC endorsed the changes to Edition 2.0.0 of S-65 proposed by the ENCWG and tasked the working group to finalize the draft revision 2.1.0 and forward it to the IHO Secretariat for circulation to IHO Member States, for their consideration and approval (see Reference E - action HSSC8/23).
4. The final proposed revision 2.1.0 and a marked up “redline” version are now available on the IHO website at: www.iho.int > Standards & Publications > Draft Publications Awaiting Approval by Member States (English version only).
5. Member States are requested to take into account the endorsement of the HSSC and to consider the adoption of the revision 2.1.0 of S-65 by providing their reply on the Voting Form, provided in Annex A, at their earliest convenience and **no later than 15 April 2017**.

6. Member States are invited to note that in accordance with Article IX (f) of the IHO Convention as amended, the decision shall be taken by a majority of the Member States who cast a vote before the deadline, with the minimum number of affirmative votes being at least one-third of all Member States entitled to vote on the date of issue of this Circular Letter.

On behalf of the Secretary-General

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'Gilles Bessero', written in a cursive style with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Gilles BESSERO

Director

Annex A: Voting Form

**S-65 - ELECTRONIC NAVIGATIONAL CHARTS (ENCs) “PRODUCTION,
MAINTENANCE AND DISTRIBUTION GUIDANCE”**

Approval of revision 2.1.0

Voting Form

(to be returned to the IHO Secretariat by 15 April 2017)

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Note: The boxes will expand as you type your answers.

Member State:

Contact:

E-mail:

Do you approve the adoption of the revised edition 2.1.0 of S-65 (*tick the appropriate box*)?

YES

NO

If you answer ‘NO’, please explain your reasons in the comment section below.

Comments :

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Signature :

Date :
