

**5th CSPCWG MEETING
Sydney, 18-21 November 2008**

Paper for Consideration by CSPCWG

S-49

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Executive Summary:	Explains the first steps taken for consideration of S49 sub-working group
Related Documents:	List of Members; ToR, Working package first draft
Related Projects:	no

Introduction / Background

CSPCWG was given the objective by CHRIS to upgrade the current N49 standard for current requirements. CSPCWG has formed a sub-working group focussing on the given task.

Analysis / Discussion

N-49 is the basis for Mariners' Routeing Guides and was prepared by an ad-hoc working group in 1985. In the meantime the requirements for such a standard have changed due to following factors:

1. increase of traffic in areas not described,
2. establishment of modern positioning systems,
3. requirements for other distribution methods,
4. requirements for more information.

SOLAS V rules that nautical charts should be produced by or on behalf of an Hydrographic Office. The chart display and presentation standards have been set by an IHO working group.

The work is focussed on improving N-49 to a new standard called S-49. The work will not cause any significant costs for member states or chart producing organisations.

Conclusions

It is planned to recommend S-49 as the new standard having finished the work.

Recommendations

CSPCWG should note the start of the work and assist when/if necessary.

Justification and Impacts

The new standard is planned to fit the up-to-date requirements. The observed variation of Mariners' Routeing Guides content and layout will be reduced significantly.

The work is scheduled to be completed within a one year time frame. Due to the fact that the group is focussed only on this work item the priority for the work is set to "HIGH".

It is under discussion whether one meeting, preferably in conjunction with another working group meeting, should be held.

Action required of CSPCWG

The CSPCWG is invited to:

- a. endorse the group composition and the kick-off
- b. agree the proposed working packages and ToR
- c. support the work if necessary

d. track the progress made.