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Paper for Consideration by CSPCWG

S-11 Part A

Submitted by:	Secretary CSPCWG
Executive Summary:	Update on status of S-11 Part A
Related Documents:	None
Related Projects:	None

Introduction / Background.

WG8 Action 24 was for Secretary to draft a CL inviting MS to advise IHB of any changes to their printing capacities in S-11 Part A Annex B. Consequently, CL 22/2012 was issued 17 February 2012 and for completeness asked Member States to provide an update to Annex A on the extent of their folios (and therefore the areas in which they are potential printers of INT charts).

38 IHO members responded, which enabled both Annexes A and B to be updated and new edition 2.0.5 was published, May 2012 (CL56/2012 refers).

Analysis / Discussion.

In response to CL 22/2012, France suggested limiting the list to the INT charting regions, listed by name, in order to avoid any ambiguities in the naming of “areas in which the Member State is a potential printer” and in the absence of an up-to-date version of the S-23 publication. For a country which is a potential printer only in the Mediterranean area, we would mark, for example, Region F.

IHB commented: ‘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’.

IHB’s comment seems sensible and the NE of S-11 Part A has recorded areas in the same terms as rendered by the relevant HOs. The exception is that, for consistency and conciseness, where a Regional Hydrographic Commission name was quoted in full, the Region Letter has been used.

Conclusions.

Concur with IHB’s comment and action. However, does FR wish to comment further?

Recommendations.

No further revision of S-11 Part A is considered necessary at present.

Action required of CSPCWG.

The CSPCWG is invited to endorse the recommendation above.