

Paper for Consideration by HSSC6**UK Response to HSSC6-05.5B Inventory of Chart production systems**

Submitted by:	The United Kingdom
Executive Summary:	The United Kingdom does not support the recommendation to include a work item on establishing an inventory of chart production systems in use and compiling the lessons learned.
Related Documents:	HSSC6-05.5B Inventory of Chart production systems
Related Projects:	

Introduction / Background

The following comments are provided in response to the recommendation to consider a new work item for the Chart Standardization and Paper Chart Working Group (CSPCWG).

Analysis/Discussion

The United Kingdom considers that it is unrealistic to expect such an inventory to be comprehensive and always up to date. Its value is therefore questioned.

The effort required by MS to both describe their production systems in a succinct manner, and to maintain such inventory entries, must not be overlooked.

Most HO production systems are a unique combination of various applications, databases and management systems, that cannot be described in short statements. Given that the role and range of products vary considerably between HOs of different sizes and geographic responsibility, the definition of a chart production system will be equally varied. Similarly, lessons learned are likely to have little relevance to other organisations.

The United Kingdom supports the principle of sharing experiences in the development of production systems, but considers the best approach to be for HOs to cooperate on an as needed basis, rather than trying to collate a global database.

Conclusions

The United Kingdom considers this proposal to require too much effort for the benefits gained.

Recommendations

The United Kingdom recommends that proposal within HSSC6-05.B is not carried forward to a new work item.

Justification and Impacts

At a time when HOs are stretched to contribute to the existing HSSC work programme, additional work items that have insufficient benefit should not be supported.

Action Required

HSSC6 is invited to consider above remarks.