

**7th Meeting of the IHO- Inter Regional Coordination Committee (IRCC7)****Mexico City, Mexico, 1-3 June 2015****Revised Guidelines for the Implementation of the WEND Principles, as amended**

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<b>Related Documents:</b>	Final minutes of WENDWG5
<b>Related Projects:</b>	N/A

**Introduction / Background**

1. Last version of the Guidelines for the Implementation of the WEND Principles was approved by IHO Member States as reported in the IHO CL 40/2014 dated 26 May 2014.
2. IRCC tasked the WENDWG (Action IRCC6/37) to investigate the need for a change in the Guidelines to address the coverage and quality of updates for ENCs in alignment with paper charts.

**Analysis / Discussion**

3. The task was considered at the 5th meeting of the WENDWG.
4. The WENDWG was informed that the IHB ensured the permanent monitoring of IHO Member States who provide T&P paper chart updates and who do not necessary align their ER profiles. A database is kept updated to do so.
5. At CSPCWG11-NCWG1 in Rostock, Germany at the end of April 2015, it was agreed to include additional information in the IHO Publication S-4 to reinforce the importance of consistency between ENCs and paper charts and other nautical products, in terms of content.
6. Both WGs considered that any other information in the IHO documentation would have very little impact though.
7. The WENDWG5 also considered a proposal made by the US to reflect the updated WEND Principles and Guidelines in the IHO Publication S-65 as its content is not entirely consistent. For the first stage, this action should be initiated by the HSSC as S-65 is in the remit of the ENCWG.

**Recommendations**

8. The WENDWG recommends:
  - a) To keep the Guidelines for the Implementation of the WEND Principles, as they are (Action WENDWG5/11 refers)
  - b) IRCC to report to HSSC that the content of S-65 needs to be aligned with the actual versions of the WEND Principles and Guidelines (Action WENDWG5/12 refers).

**Action Requested of IRCC7**

9. The Committee is invited to:
  - a) Note the report
  - b) Agree on the way forward provided in recommendations 8 a/ and b/.