

**17th TSMAD MEETING
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Proposed item for CHRIS 20 by France: Temporary (T) and Preliminary (P) Notices to be used with ENC's

BACKGROUND

Usually, T and P notices are promulgated via HO's Notices to Mariners booklets which are available as paper and most often also on HO websites. On receipt, the information contained in T and P notices should be updated with a pencil on paper charts.

The information contained in these notices must be used in conjunction with ENC's, in whatever format it may be (ENC update, paper NtM, etc...). However, inconsistency in the use and distribution of T and P notices to mariners by HOs has been highlighted by different working groups (RENC/JTEWG, TSMAD, WEND) and users.

Among the raised issues and lack of harmonization are the following:

- about half of the HOs promulgate the equivalent of T and/or P notices via ENC updates, and the other half considers that mariners should refer to Notices to Mariners booklets or websites. That means that today, theoretically, ENC users must almost use as much different distribution channel as there is ENC producers!
- Translation of T and P notices into ENC updates has proven to be sometimes difficult and inappropriate. It may also introduce inappropriate additional time delay for the distribution of this type of information.
- Unavailability of the information in English language globally.

Consequently, at this time, it is very difficult for ENC users to comprehend the T and P network and get rapid and seamless information from one region to the other.

A rapid and seamless network exists on SafetyNET and on NAVTEX.

As recorded by CSPCWG (3rd meeting – November 2006), there is also a need for more precise guidance for paper charts and the matter should be considered in relation to ENC.

The issue has been raised some years ago, and some working groups (RENC/JTEWG, TSMAD and CSPCWG) are looking for solutions but we believe that CHRIS should follow and coordinate the progress of these actions.

PROPOSAL

We propose that an item "T&P Notices" is added to CHRIS 20 agenda in order to confirm the need and the content of a new CHRIS action in order to:

- follow the progress of harmonization of the use, elaboration and distribution of T&P notices in general,
- in the short term, particularly follow the harmonization and clarify the use of T&P to be used in conjunction with ENC's;
- Coordinate this work between different working groups (RENC/JTEWG, TSMAD, CSPCWG and CPRNW).