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Subject: S-57 3.1.2

Dear All,

I am writing to report on the result of the exercise to introduce S-57 3.1.2.

Australia, Canada, France, Denmark, UK and US approved.
Finland, South Africa and Sweden disapproved
Germany and Norway were nil return

In accordance with the voting criteria stated in TSMAD Letter L06-2009 this results in a majority acceptance of 8 – 3.

Adverse comments received were mainly concerned with disapproval of the CATZOC changes and the need for full a discussion at TSMAD 18 to approve the temporal content.

As pointed out in L06-2009, CHRIS 20 approved the recommendations made by the DQWG to modify the definition of CATZOC and subsequently tasked TSMAD to develop a supplement to S-57 to document the changes. TSMAD is a working group of the HSSC and all our work is carried out either by instruction or by the approval of the HSSC. Therefore this ballot was solely for the inclusion of the temporal attribution, and any issues pertaining to the CATZOC changes, should be addressed to the HSSC.

The TSMAD 18 will be held jointly with the DIPWG and the agenda is very full. This, in conjunction with the urgency requirement of the CHRIS 20 meeting for TSMAD to resolve the temporal issues, persuaded me that the process adopted was the most effective in achieving a suitable conclusion for what were fairly trivial changes. In fact about half of the changes had already been approved by TSMAD some years ago and appear in the S-57 maintenance document.

One comment was regarding the continuity of information in the two supplements, with which I agree absolutely. Therefore we have amalgamated the two into one document titled S-57 3.1.2 which negates the need to reference them separately. The new version accompanies this letter and your comments would be welcome, but please make them to me prior to TSMAD 18. If there is a need for further textual edits these can be done as 'homework' during the week.

The next stage will be a letter by HSSC chair to members informing of them of results of this process and this will be followed by a IHO circular letter announcing the release of S-57 3.1.2.

See you all in a couple of weeks time.

Regards,

Barrie Greenslade
Chairman, TSMAD