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Subject: Draft S-57 Edition 3.1.1

Dear ENC Stakeholder,

At its 17th meeting, the Committee on Hydrographic Requirements for Information Systems (CHRIS) tasked its Transfer Standard Maintenance and Application Development Working Group (TSMAD) to develop a minor revision to the S-57 standard. This revision is required to accommodate new requirements to encode features resulting from recently adopted International Maritime Organization (IMO) resolutions.

A Draft version of the revision, referred to as S-57 Edition 3.1.1 was produced by TSMAD12 in November of 2005. As a stakeholder interested in the development and use of electronic navigational charts, your input to the development process is highly valued, thus you will find attached a copy of the Draft S-57 3.1.1 for your review and comment. More details are contained in the Introduction section of the draft document. A preliminary test dataset has been produced and is available from the IHO Web site at http://www.iho.shom.fr/.

Please note that these enhancements to the standard will only be published in the form of the short document that is attached. The final document will be freely available from the "Download" section of the IHO web site at the URL listed above. There are no plans to release a complete volume of S-57 that includes these enhancements.

Please submit suggested changes to the Secretary of TSMAD, Mr. Tony Pharaoh at apharaoh@ihb.mc.

Regards,

Michael Brown Chairman, TSMAD