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**Ref: TSMAD Letter: 07/2007**

**To: TSMAD Members**

Date 7 September 2007

**Subject: IHO TSMAD - RECOMMENDATIONS FOR CONSISTENT ENC DATA ENCODING**

Dear TSMAD Member,

Please find attached a new version of the "Recommendations for Consistent ENC Data Encoding". Richard Fowle has incorporated most of the changes recommended during the last review. This includes making a clear distinction between SCAMIN rules which can be automated and those requiring manual intervention. It is also not clear in the document that these SCAMIN rules were tested as part of the RENC development by Germany, Netherlands and UK.

I believe this document now satisfies the requirements of CL 64/2007 and having consulted the incumbent CHRIS chair I am compelled to submit this to CHRIS 19. Remember that although these remain recommendations, it is important that new producers adopt them now and established producers implement them (if not already) in the near future. In fact, in some respect, I classify UKHO as a new producer because we have been one of the major culprits in not using SCAMIN!

If you have any further issues or comments these should be submitted to CHRIS 19 for discussion there. I will personally question the issue of this becoming a technical resolution.

I intend submitting this to CHRIS 19 for approval and inclusion in a new IHO Circular Letter. To meet the deadline for CHRIS submissions any comments must be sent to me by next Friday 14<sup>th</sup> September.

Regards,

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Chairman, TSMAD