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**ADOPTION OF EDITION 2.1.0 OF IHO PUBLICATION S-65
- ELECTRONIC NAVIGATIONAL CHARTS (ENCs) “PRODUCTION, MAINTENANCE
AND DISTRIBUTION GUIDANCE”**

Reference:

- A. IHO CL 16/2017 dated 10 February - *Call for Approval of Revision 2.1.0 of IHO Publication S-65 – Electronic Navigational Charts (ENCs) “Production, Maintenance and Distribution Guidance”*.

Dear Hydrographer,

1. Reference A proposed the adoption of Revision 2.1.0 of IHO Publication S-65 - *Electronic Navigational Charts (ENCs) “Production, Maintenance and Distribution Guidance”* - recommended by the IHO ENC Maintenance Working Group (ENCWG) and endorsed by the IHO Hydrographic Services and Standards Committee.
2. The Secretariat of the IHO thanks the 45 Member States who replied to Reference A: Algeria, Argentina, Australia, Bangladesh, Belgium, Canada, Chile, Columbia, Croatia, Cuba, Estonia, Finland, France, Georgia, Germany, Greece, Iceland, India, Indonesia, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Malaysia, Mauritius, Mexico, Netherlands, New Zealand, Nigeria, Norway, Papua New Guinea, Peru, Poland, Portugal, Republic of Korea, Romania, Russian Federation, Slovenia, South Africa, Spain, Sweden, Tunisia, Turkey, Ukraine, United Kingdom and Uruguay.
3. All responding Member States, except one, supported the adoption of the proposed revision of S-65. Five Member States offered comments in addition to their votes. Their comments and the outcome of their review by the Chair of the ENCWG are provided in Annex A to this Circular Letter.
4. When Reference A was issued there were 86 Member States of the IHO with four States suspended. In accordance with the provisions of the Convention on the IHO as amended, the minimum number of affirmative votes required was therefore 28. As a result, and taking into account the minor adjustment reported in Annex A, the proposed Edition 2.1.0 of S-65 has been adopted.
5. Edition 2.1.0 of S-65 (*English version only*) will be made available on the IHO website at: www.iho.int > Standards & Publications > S-100 as soon as possible.

On behalf of the Secretary-General

Yours sincerely,

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Director

Annex A: Member States' responses to IHO CL 16/2017 and comments from the Chair of the ENCWG

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Chair, ENCWG

**MEMBER STATES' RESPONSES TO IHO CL 16/2017 AND COMMENTS FROM THE
CHAIR OF THE ENC MAINTENANCE WORKING GROUP (ENCWG)**

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CANADA

Vote = YES

Canada is pleased to approve the adoption of S-65 Edition 2.1.0 and thanks the ENCWG for completing this task.

CROATIA

Vote = NO

Croatia cannot support the revised edition 2.1.0 of S-65 as a matter of principle. As mentioned in this CL, the substantial change to S-65 concerns alignment with the changes to the WEND Principles (The inclusion of the definition of "Cartographic Boundary") which were approved by majority vote of IHO Member States, but not supported by Croatia in the response to IHO CL 04/2014 giving detailed reasons.

MEXICO

Vote = YES

It is convenient because, from a technical point of view, we have international standards to establish our cartographic limits with the neighbouring states.

NETHERLANDS

Vote = YES

One minor remark: In the document, reference is made to ISO 9001:2008 (as amended) as the recognized standard for a quality system (in conformity with IHO resolution 1/1997).

However, the successor ISO 9001:2015 is already in place and Member States may have been certified against the 2015 standards.

To cater for this whilst still obeying 1/1997, suggest to take into account this development, e.g. by replacing ISO 9001:2008 with ISO 9001:20XX.

Comment from the Chair of the ENCWG:

In order to take into account the latest versions of the referenced ISO Standards, the reference year has been removed. Therefore, rather than "ISO 9001:20XX", the text reads "ISO 9001".

Note from the IHO Secretariat:

The next edition of M-3 will introduce the relevant editorial amendment in Resolution 1/1997 as amended.

PERU

Vote = YES

The changes to be made to Publication S-65 - "ENCs: Production, Maintenance and Distribution Guidance" were revised, notably the paragraphs concerning WEND Principles, where the commercial rights for the ENCs producers countries, in places in which cartographic limits between neighbouring countries are implemented, are mentioned.

The recommendations about the scales ranges in each navigation purpose that the producer countries should take into account are also mentioned.

That is why I recommend that the reply to the approval of these changes to Publication S-65 be POSITIVE.