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IHO File No. S3/8151/S-66

**CIRCULAR LETTER 60/2017**  
**07 November 2017**

**CALL FOR APPROVAL OF A REVISION OF IHO PUBLICATION S-66**  
**FACTS ABOUT ELECTRONIC CHARTS AND CARRIAGE REQUIREMENTS**

**References:**

- A. IHO CL 05/2010 dated 13 January – *IHO Publication S-66 – Facts about Electronic Charts and Carriage Requirements*;
- B. IHO CL08/2014 dated 20 January - *Outcome of the Fifth Meeting of the Hydrographic Services and Standards Committee (HSSC)*;
- C. HSSC Letter 02/2017 dated 08 August - *Revisions of IHO Technical Standards - Approval of:*
  - *draft Edition 1.1.0 of S-66 - Facts about Electronic Charts and Carriage Requirements*
  - *draft Edition 4.1.0 of S-57 Appendix B.1 Annex A - Use of the Object Catalogue for ENC*
  - *draft Edition 3.1.0 of S-11 Part A - Guidance for the Preparation and Maintenance of International (INT) Chart and ENC Schemes*;
- D. 1<sup>st</sup> Session of the IHO Assembly P-6 – *Proceedings including List of Decisions*;
- E. IHO CL55/2017 dated 31 October - *Outcome of the First Meeting of the IHO Council*.

Dear Hydrographer,

1. IHO Publication S-66 – *Facts about Electronic Charts and Carriage Requirements* was originally published in 2010 (see Reference A). This publication was an adoption of a document *Facts about Electronic Charts and Carriage Requirements* first published as a joint collaboration between the PRIMAR and IC-ENC RENCs.

2. At its 5<sup>th</sup> meeting in November 2013, the Hydrographic Services and Standards Committee (HSSC) agreed that a revision of S-66 should be included in the HSSC work plan for 2014-2015, and an S-66 Project Team was established to conduct the review (see Reference B – Actions HSSC5/58 and 59). This review was considered necessary in order to reflect events that had occurred since 2010, in particular the promulgation or amendment of a number of International Maritime Organization (IMO) Circulars related to the operation of ECDIS; progress in ENC coverage; and feedback from ECDIS users, the RENCs and IHO Member States. Subsequent to the S-66 Project Team having insufficient resources to complete the task, the review was completed by the ENC Maintenance Working Group (ENCWG).

3. The HSSC endorsed the changes to Edition 1.0.0 of S-66 proposed by the ENCWG by HSSC Letter (see Reference C) and tasked the HSSC Chair to submit the revision to the IHO Council for endorsement, under the arrangements that are now in force as a result of the ratification of the Protocol of Amendments to the Convention on the IHO; and following the establishment of the Council by the first session of the IHO Assembly (see Reference D - Decision No. 26).

4. At its 1<sup>st</sup> meeting in October 2017, the IHO Council endorsed the revision, and tasked the IHO Secretariat to circulate draft revision 1.1.0 of S-66 to IHO Member States, for their consideration and approval (see Reference E – Decision C-1/20 and Action C-1/21).

5. The proposed revision 1.1.0 and a marked up “redline” version are now available on the IHO website at: [www.iho.int](http://www.iho.int) > Standards & Publications > Download > Draft Publications Awaiting Approval by Member States (*English version only*).

6. Member States are requested to take into account the endorsement of the HSSC and the IHO Council and to consider the adoption of the proposed edition 1.1.0 of S-66 by providing their reply on the Voting Form in Annex A, at their earliest convenience and **no later than 05 January 2018**.

On behalf of the Secretary-General  
Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Abri KAMPFER', written in a cursive style.

Abri KAMPFER  
Director

Annex:

A. Voting Form

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**S-66 – FACTS ABOUT ELECTRONIC CHARTS AND CARRIAGE REQUIREMENTS**

**Approval of Edition 1.1.0**

**Voting Form**

*(to be returned to the IHO Secretariat by 05 January 2018)*

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Note: The boxes will expand as you type your answers.

**Member State:**

**Contact:**

**E-mail:**


Do you approve the adoption of Edition 1.1.0 of S-66 (*tick the appropriate box*)?

YES

NO

If you answer 'NO', please explain your reasons in the comment section below.

**Comments:**

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**Signature :**

**Date :**
