

PRIMAR Report 2013

The PRIMAR international co-ordinating centre for electronic navigational charts (ENCs) has been operated by the Norwegian Hydrographic Service (NHS) since 1. April 2002. PRIMAR's vision is as follows:

In order to enhance safety at sea and protect the maritime environment, PRIMAR's vision is to be the most efficient model for the provision of ENC services and maritime geospatial data worldwide

PRIMAR RENC membership status

The Norwegian Hydrographic Service has signed bilateral agreements with the Lithuanian Maritime Safety Administration, the Georgian State Hydrographic Service and the Ports and Maritime Organization (PMO) of the Islamic Republic of Iran. As a result of these agreements, Lithuanian, Georgian and Iranian ENCs will be available through the PRIMAR ENC service. Denmark joined IC-ENC from 1.1.2013. Denmark will be a member of both RENCs throughout 2013 before leaving PRIMAR 31.12.2013 after having terminated the bilateral agreement with NHS. The following 16 countries are currently members of the PRIMAR RENC: Brazil, Croatia, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Georgia, Greece, Iran, Latvia, Lithuania, Mozambique, Norway, Poland, Russia and Sweden.

RENC- RENC harmonization

At 1.1.2013, a new common licensing model was launched by both PRIMAR and IC-ENC. The CPM licensing model will allow for flexibility and equal licensing terms for the distributors/VARs. Work is in progress to jointly develop updated PAYS and SENC specifications, and a common RENC procedure for cell cancellations and replacement cells has been launched. At the RSAHC in March 2013, a joint PRIMAR / IC-ENC presentation was conducted, and several RENC coordination meetings have been held during the year. The goal of the RENC – RENC harmonization is to foster a closer cooperation between the RENCs, encourage nations to become RENC members and contribute to an increased use of ENCs.

PRIMAR updates

The new PRIMAR website is based on feedback from users, and is a part of PRIMAR's ongoing efforts to provide our new and existing distributors and providers with simple access to PRIMAR services, accurate product information and up to date industry and policy news. The PRIMAR Chart Catalogue has been amended to support the new licensing model including flexible subscription periods and the new pricing scheme. The new version of the chart catalogue, version 4.7, was made available on 2nd of January 2013, and the new PRIMAR Portal was launched on the same date. The PRIMAR Portal includes, among other things, the new ENC viewer, ENC prices and sales reports.

According to IHO/CL 102, all S-63 accredited OEMs and Data Servers should not be using S-63 Edition 1.0 beyond 1 January 2014. In order to comply with this, PRIMAR now also supports edition 1.1 of IHO Publication S-63 - IHO Data Protection Scheme. PRIMAR priorities for 2013 are to increase ENC usage and sale in new markets, continue work with new nations to increase coverage, support new IHO standards, conduct distributor visits and assist distributors with mandatory ECDIS implementation.

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