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To CSPCWG Members

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Dear Colleagues,

Subject: International Notices to Mariners (further to CL 08/2004)

We received eleven replies from CSPCWG members; in addition, Denmark forwarded comments from Sweden and Norway. Thank you for your careful consideration of this topic.

Even though it was evident that not all respondents had seen, or could locate, a copy of the CSC consultancy study to which I referred in CL 08/2004, there was general acceptance that a series of International NMs for paper charts is neither practicable nor desirable. Only Netherlands considered that it might be worth pursuing the question. Subsequently, the Secretary has emailed a copy of the CSC report to all members for reference.

On the question of whether to pursue a potential follow-on activity, that is to identify criteria for the selection of data justifying NM action, the responses were almost equally divided, but just in favour of pursuing the topic. Nevertheless, there was unanimity that if it is pursued, it should be given low priority.

In response to a request from Finland, I have now confirmed with the Chairman of the SNPWG (Standardization of Nautical Publications Working Group) that his WG is not planning to work on this issue.

Noting the responses to this consultation, which has generated little interest and only warrants low priority consideration, I would like to close the CSPCWG Work item C.1 to "Review requirement for the standardization of International NMs". To conclude this matter, if members have NM criteria readily available that they are willing to share, I would be grateful if they would forward them to the Secretary for collation. We may one day consider including them in a new section in M-4 on the updating of charts.

Yours sincerely,

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Chairman