



CHART STANDARDIZATION & PAPER CHART WORKING GROUP (CSPCWG)

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To CSPCWG Members

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Dear Colleagues,

Subject: New Maintenance Section of M-4 – B-600

You may have noticed that the agenda for the 5th CSPCWG meeting includes item 9.3: Chart Maintenance – New Section. Accordingly, two papers have been placed on the CSPCWG5 section of the IHO website:

- CSPCWG5-09.3A M-4 B-600 draft
- CSPCWG5-09.3B Chart Maintenance – draft new section, discussion paper

As they are available on the website, I have not included them as annexes to this letter, to reduce the size of the document to allow easier email transmission.

While this is an agenda item for the meeting, I wish to ensure that all WG members have the opportunity to review the draft by correspondence in the usual way. However for those attending CSPCWG5, I am keen to take the opportunity presented by our meeting in Sydney to discuss the draft as this may help to clarify some matters, therefore avoiding extensive correspondence.

I would therefore be grateful if all members would now study the draft and comment on all aspects of it, eg:

- Please let me know whether any subject which should be included has been missed.
- Please advise whether you find the layout logical and easy to use.
- Please answer the specific questions we have raised in the margin, which are repeated in the Annex to this letter.

I believe this is an important new addition to M-4, which will prove of great value to the entire hydrographic community. **Please respond by 9 January 2009.** I have allowed more than our usual 8 weeks, as this is a totally new section, and also to allow considerations from discussions at CSPCWG5 to be taken into account when compiling your response.

Yours sincerely,

Peter G.B. Jones,
Chairman

Annex: Response Form

CSPCWG Letter 14/2008 - RESPONSE FORM

(Please return to CSPCWG Secretary as soon as possible, not later than 9 January 2009)

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Question	B-600 Paragraph	YES	NO
1	B-600 (final paragraph of introduction): Do you agree with the statement that the criteria for updating paper charts and ENC may diverge?		
2	B-601.8: Does your HO include a recapitulative list of RNW in force in your periodical NM booklet? (If yes, please explain why below).		
3	B-610: Do you agree not to address the issue of data acquisition activities at this time?		
4	B-611.6: If corroboration of information received is being sought from the responsible HO, but the nature of the information is such that it should be promulgated urgently, do you agree that a (P) NM or chart-updating NM may be issued to cover the intervening period if necessary for safety?		
5	B-620.3: Are you content with the order in this section? If not, please explain how and why it should be changed.		
6	B-620.3e: Do you issue NMs for extraction (dredging) areas?		
7	B-620.3i: Do we need a group for 'exploitation', eg platforms, windfarms?		
8	B-620.3m: Should magnetic variation be included by NM?		
9	B-630.1: Is the final paragraph true? If no, please explain below what you think should be said.		
10	B-631.4: UKHO uses the term 'substitute', but it is possible that 'replace' may be more easily understood, especially for those for whom English is not first language. Do you prefer 'Replace'?		
11	B-631.5: Do you agree that latitude and longitude should be the usual method of defining positions in NMs?		
12	B-631.5a: Should a more precise position be quoted for ENC? Has your HO developed any guidance on this?		
13	B-631.7: Should charts be listed in numerical order (contrary to TR F3.3, which recommends scale order)?		
14	B-631.7: Does your HO list Lights numbers in chart-updating NMs? If yes, please explain the benefit.		
15	B-632.3: Is there a better term than 'mentions' in this context?		
16	B-634.8: Are you aware of some standard wording (perhaps produced in another WG) to cover this issue?		

Further comments

- in response to the questions above:
- general comments on anything missing, the style and layout:
- specific comments on detail (you may prefer to reply with a track-change portion of the text).

Name.....

Member State.....