



## CHART STANDARDIZATION & PAPER CHART WORKING GROUP (CSPCWG)

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### **CSPCWG Letter: 02/2014**

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Dear Colleagues

### **Subject: Use of 5-digit INT chart numbers (follow-up to Letter 01/2014)**

References:

- A. BSICCWG Chair's letter, 31 October 2013
- B. IHO S-4, Section A-200 (particularly A-204).

Thank you to the 24 CSPCWG members who responded to Letter 01/2014: Australia, Canada, Chile, Denmark, ESRI, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, India, Italy, Japan, Rep of Korea, Latvia, Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Pakistan, South Africa, Spain, Sweden, Turkey, UK, USA(NOAA). All respondents voted 'yes'.

Only Canada added a comment:

Additionally, Canada went through the same issue in the late 1940's, when we had only 3 digit numbers and we ran out of numbers. We moved to a 4 digit number by adding the 4<sup>th</sup> digit as the second number in the 4 digit string. For example, chart 315 became 3415. The first digit represents the region of the country, the second digit the sub-area of the region, and the last 2 digits the specific chart number in that sub-area. This was done so there was still some familiarity for users, yet allowed a re-scheming of numbers. Perhaps with the addition of the 5<sup>th</sup> digit to the INT chart numbers, a re-scheming of the number is appropriate to maintain continuity for existing charts and new charts being added to those series?

As stated in A-204.4, Chart numbers with 4 (and now 5) digits may be allocated by the regional coordinator, in consultation with other members of the regional groups. (The addition of 5 will be included as a clarification when the new note is added). The possibility of applying a sub-regional and scale subdivision is outlined in the following A-204.5-6.

We will now ask IHB to issue a Circular Letter to seek Member States endorsement of the proposal.

This letter is for information only and does not require a response.

Yours sincerely,

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Chairman