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**AVAILABILITY OF COMMERCIAL PROGRAMMES TO DETERMINE
ENC PRODUCTION PRIORITIES**

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Subsequent to the requirements being determined by the 8th WEND Meeting in Norfolk Virginia USA the Portuguese Hydrographic Office agreed to undertake a study on the coverage of ENCs in relation to the sea areas and routes of greatest demand. The idea was to compare the coverage of ENCs as indicated to the IHB by Member States with data on the commercial shipping routes most frequently used. A report on this Study appears as CHRIS-14-11.2.

As a result of the IHO/Industry Workshop an offer was received from an industry attendee to adapt a commercial programme developed by them which already indicated major shipping routes. The programme could apparently be modified to allow for the current ENC to be overlaid on the shipping routes. It should therefore be possible for the results anticipated by WEND to be more quickly attained.

It is hoped therefore that the work undertaken by Portugal, combined with the information available from the UKHO and possibly in utilising this commercial programme will provide the desired results.