

Paper for Information**Use of seals of non-IHO members on INT charts**

Submitted by:	France
Executive Summary:	Use of seals of INT charts within SOLAS agreements
Related Documents:	HSSC6-05.5C
Related Projects:	S-4 Maintenance

Introduction / Background

France added seals of non IHO Members on INT Charts of Togo and Benin. Such inclusions make debate and CSPCWG decided to refer to HSSC6 for clearer guidance.

Analysis/Discussion

The decision to make INT charts is an attribution of the Geographic Coordinator and Regional Hydrographic Commissions. Within signed bilateral agreements, France has received delegation from Togo and Benin to assume their cartographic responsibility. As stipulated in SOLAS Chap. V reg. 2 :

“Nautical chart or nautical publication is a special-purpose map or book, or a specially compiled database from which such a map or book is derived, that is issued officially by or on the authority of a Government, authorized Hydrographic Office or other relevant government institution and is designed to meet the requirements of marine navigation.”

The charts of Togo and Benin were officially issued by an authorized Hydrographic Office and on the authority of a Government. Seals have been added by SHOM as requested by Togo and Benin.

Conclusions

France got sufficient empowerment to add seals of Non IHO Members on INT charts of Togo and Benin. The official nature of these charts, the quality assurance provided to the chart user and the protection and control of the IHO's standards and brand credibility are totally preserved and respected.

Recommendations

To take into account, in the discussions about the CSPCWG document HSSC6-05.5c, the proposal of adding an additional bullet to paragraph 4: “The nation has officially delegated its cartographic authority.”

Justification and Impacts

No impact.

Action Required of [HSSC] [Relevant HSSC WG]

The [HSSC] [Relevant HSSC WG] is invited to:

- a. note this paper and consider its recommendation.