

Hydrographic Services and Standards Committee

Paper/Proposal by the Swedish HO

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Admiralty Information Overlay and P/T updates in ENC

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AIO and P/T updates to ENC HSSC7-05.6C

Background

- Sweden has expressed concern regarding AIO publishing TP NMs for Swedish waters
 - In bilateral meetings
 - Through letters to UKHO from Nordic Hydrographic Commission meetings 2014 and 2015
- UKHO provided SHO with tools¹ to study and evaluate the situation

1) Admiralty E-navigation Planning Station



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A comparative study

What is the TP NM content in AIO for Swedish waters compared to TP updates in official ENCs ?

- + Study for one week (April 2015)
- + Out of 81 regular Swedish TP NMs:

Number notices	of	Sweden publishes in ENC	Admiralty publishes in AlO	Remark		
15		Yes	Yes			
28		Yes	No		Information that Sweden considers of importance may not recognised by the user when using only AIO.	
32		No	No			
6		No	Yes		Admiralty considered these notices relevant for publication in AIO but Sweden did not publish them as updates to ENC.	



A comparative study (cont.)

 Considerable delay (weeks) from the date TP messages are available in official ENCs to the date that they are published in AIO.



Conclusions

 Comparing the TP information in official ENCs with the TP NMs in AIO:

- Always different in content due to selections and time delays
- Two different products with similar purpose for the same platform , ECDIS
- Risk that misconception and confusion is created for end user
- Could potentially lead to endangering safety at sea



Recommendations

+ We ask:

 HSSC to recommend that Information Overlay services for TP NMs should be discontinued for areas where producer nations publish TP updates in official ENCs

 Relevant HSSC WGs to address the need for improved functionality regarding TP updates in future ENC/ECDIS



Action requested of HSSC

+ Note the proposal

+ Consider the recommendations



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