

**11TH WEND COMMITTEE MEETING
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Paper for Consideration by WEND

Status of Publication *Facts about Electronic Charts and Carriage Requirements*

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Executive Summary:	This report summarizes the progress made towards joint IHO and IMO adoption of the publication <i>Facts about Electronic Charts and Carriage Requirements</i> .
Related Documents:	IHO Circular Letter 16 - <i>Facts about chart carriage requirements</i> dated 22 February 2008
Related Projects:	---

Introduction / Background

1. The information booklet “Facts about Electronic Charts and Carriage Requirements” was developed by the two RENCs and has been available on the internet for some time. The publication is intended to inform both Maritime Administrations and mariners on the practical implementation of the IMO carriage requirements regarding ENC and ECDIS. Both RENCs have proposed that this informative and useful publication would be best placed under the responsibility of IMO, since IMO is the responsible authority for the carriage requirements covered by the document.

2. As a first step it was decided that the booklet should be adopted as an IHO publication. The IHO could then propose to IMO that it become a joint IMO-IHO publication, and treated in a similar way to the IMO-IHO World Wide Navigational Warning Service Manual.

Progress Report

3. Circular Letter 16/2008 invited Member States to support the proposal to adopt the booklet as an IHO document prior to IHO seeking co-sponsorship with IMO. The proposal was supported overwhelmingly by Member States. As a result, the publication is now in the course of being adopted as IHO document S-66. In due course, the IHB will submit a proposal to IMO inviting that organization to co-sponsor the publication.

4. As a prospective IMO document, S-66 may require some review and updating. How this is to be achieved and by whom will be considered by the CHRIS at its 20th meeting in November 2008.

Action Required of WEND

The WEND Committee is invited to:

1. **Note** this report.