

Summary of Recommendations

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Rec. #	Issue	Recommendation	Responsibility	Implementation Schedule		
				Country	Start date	End date
1	Navigational purpose <i>Overview</i>	1a) <i>Overview</i> navigational purpose should be in harmony with other navigational purposes within the producers' portfolios.	All	Denmark Germany	2008 2008	2008 2008
		1b) The <i>Overview</i> cell should be harmonised with adjacent cells in the North Sea.	Germany	Germany	2008	
2	Navigational purpose <i>Harbour and Berthing</i>	The <i>Harbour and Berthing</i> navigational purposes should be in harmony with other navigational purposes within the producers' portfolios.	All	Denmark Estonia Finland Germany Latvia Lithuania Poland Russia Sweden	2008 2008 2008 2008 2008 2008 2008 2008	2012 2008 2015 2011 2009 2011 2008
3	Use of Compilation Scale	On the Baltic Sea, the following values for the compilation scales should be used:	All	Denmark Estonia Finland Germany Latvia Lithuania Poland Russia Sweden	2008	2010
					2008	2010
					2008	2015
					2008	2011
			2008	2009		
					2008	2011
					2009	2009

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4	Exceptions in the use of Compilation Scale	<p>If a Hydrographic Office (HO) wants to use a compilation scale other than those recommended above, it may do so if all the following conditions are met:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) the value used is in line with the intention of the IHO CL 47/2004 ii) use of it is agreed bilaterally with neighbouring HO(s) concerned, in order to avoid inconsistencies at the border, and iii) every effort is made to minimise possible inconsistencies due to deviations from the recommended compilation scale. 	All	When adopted		
5	Use of SCAMIN	BSHC should adopt the guidelines as stated in the Annex J .	All	Denmark Estonia Finland Germany Latvia Lithuania Poland Russia Sweden	2008 2008 2008 2008 2008 2008 2008 2009	2009 2015 2015 2011 2010 2011 2009

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6	Contour intervals	6a) The BSEHWG proposes that the BSHC establishes a Working Group to study possibilities for Harmonisation of the Conveying and Presentation of Depth Information for both ENCs and paper charts.	BSHC	When adopted		
		6b) Meanwhile, if the IHO recommended contour intervals are not applicable, or if additional intervals are needed, implementation should be agreed bilaterally/multilaterally so that possible inconsistencies to the mariners could be avoided.	All	When adopted		
7	Harmonisation of features continuing/ extending over national borders	All BSHC countries should ensure that bilateral agreements are in place with their neighbouring countries concerning harmonisation of features continuing/extending over national borders.	All	When adopted		
8	Checking harmonisation before launching new ENCs	All BSHC countries should check and carry out harmonisation before launching updates or new editions of ENCs.	All	When adopted		
9	Buffer zones along the national borders	All BSHC countries should check that there are no gaps between cells at national borders by establishing a buffer zone of up to 5 metres, if necessary.	All	Denmark Estonia Finland Germany Latvia Lithuania Poland Russia Sweden	2008 2008 2008 2008 2008 2008 2008 2008 2008	2008 2008 2008 2008 2008 2008 2008 2008 2008

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10	Adoption of new versions of ENC related standards	The BSHC should agree on joint plans and time schedules for the adoption of new versions of ENC related standards (e.g. S-57 Ed. 3.1.1 or S-101).	BSHC	When adopted		
11	Adoption of new object classes	The BSHC should agree on joint plans and a time schedule for the adoption of new object classes on their products.	BSHC	When adopted		
12	The use of objects to ensure consistency	12a) BSHC should encourage all countries to make further studies of the use of objects in the Baltic Sea ENCs and report to the following BSHC meeting. 12b) BSHC should decide on proper actions to ensure ENC consistency as far as possible.	BSHC	All:	2008	2009
13	Special circumstances	If found necessary it is possible to deviate from the recommendations. When doing so, the relevant HO should make every effort to minimise the effect of any inconsistencies that may occur. This should be done through bilateral/multilateral agreements and through harmonisation of data in order to ensure that no serious disharmony is introduced to the ENCs.	All	Ongoing		
14	Promotion of regional approaches	BSHC should ask the IHO Committee on Hydrographic Requirements for Information Systems (CHRIS) to consider appropriate actions to	BSHC	When adopted		

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		recommend other Regional Hydrographic Commissions (RHCs) to adopt regional implementations to IHO consistency recommendations within their sea areas.				
15	Training and education	All relevant bodies are encouraged to continue the education of mariners regarding 'ECDIS', 'ECS', 'ENC' and 'Electronic chart'.	All		Ongoing	
16	Follow-up of implementation	All BSHC countries should follow the time schedule for the implementation of all relevant recommendations as stated in Annex L .	All		Ongoing	
17	Reporting of the implementation of the recommendations	BSHC members should report annually to BSHC Conferences on the implementation of these recommendations.	BSHC		2009	