

**EASTERN ATLANTIC HYDROGRAPHIC COMMISSION (EAtHC)
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**REPORT TO THE 9th EAtHC CONFERENCE - Status of Hydrographic Surveying,
Nautical Charting and MSI (IHO S-55)**

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EAtHC attendees have been invited to provide S-55 information as part of their National Reports, using a standard format (CL 25/2006).

If the authoritative status in the UN and the IMO of the S-55 data-base is to be sustained, entries must be updated regularly. Only 44% of the populated entries have been updated during 2005-06 (30 Nov 06). Action is needed by the majority of EAtHC attendees.

Captain Barritt will summarise the status of SOLAS V arrangements in the EAtHC region, as a background to Agenda Items 15 – 22 and to discussion of possible submissions to the IHOCBC.