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Comments on document NCSR 5/22

Submitted by ICS

SUMMARY

Executive summary: This document provides statistical information on the maturity of Electronic Chart Display and Information System (ECDIS) software updates following the request in document NCSR 5/22 (Secretariat) and comments on the date of revocation of III.2/Circ.2 on Action to be taken by port States on the required updates of Electronic Chart Display and Information Systems (ECDIS).

Strategic direction: No related provisions

High-level action:

Output: No related provisions

Action to be taken: Paragraph 7

Related documents: NCSR 5/22 and III.2/Circ.2

Introduction

1 This document is submitted in accordance with the provisions of paragraph 6.12.5 of the Organization and method of work of the Maritime Safety Committee and the Marine Environment Committee and their subsidiary bodies (MSC-MEPC.1/Circ.5) and provides comments on updates of Electronic Chart Display and Information Systems (ECDIS), as set out in document NCSR 5/22 (Secretariat). The document provides statistical information on the maturity of ECDIS updates and comments on the date of revocation of III.2/Circ.2 on Action to be taken by port States on the required updates of Electronic Chart Display and Information Systems (ECDIS).
Background

2 Paragraph 8 of document NCSR 5/22 (Secretariat) notes that "III 4 invited NCSR 5 to consider the matter of required updates of ECDIS in general, and in particular, to advise III 5 on the date of revocation of III.2/Circ.2, subject to endorsement by MSC 99 (III 4/15, paragraph 15.3)".

3 Paragraph 9 of document NCSR 5/22 (Secretariat) invites Member States and relevant international organizations to provide relevant technical and/or statistical information on the maturity of the existing ECDIS update.

Discussion

4 The following information is provided in response to the request in paragraph 9 of document NCSR 5/22 (Secretariat) for statistical information on the maturity of the existing ECDIS update. This information has been provided by a sample of ICS Members and is correct as of 21 December 2017:

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5 With regard to advice on the date of revocation of III.2/Circ.2 referred to in paragraph 8 of document NCSR 5/22 (Secretariat), it is recommended that the date of revocation of III.2/Circ.2 should not be before 1 July 2018. This recommendation is based on the information provided in paragraph 4 above, and would ensure that those ships which continue to experience difficulties in obtaining the necessary updates are not disadvantaged by the revocation of III.2/Circ.2.

6 Any changes to the recommendation in paragraph 5 or updates to the information provided in paragraph 4 will be provided verbally at NCSR 5.

Action requested of the Sub-Committee

7 The Sub-Committee is invited to consider the information provided, and take action as appropriate.

¹ Includes updates completed between 1 September 2017 and 21 December 2017.