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Dear Mr Arts

MARINE PRESS OF CANADA-DIGITRACE

Further to your submission, in which you sought the views of the Maritime and Coastguard Agency (MCA) on the Marine Press of Canada "Digitrace" chart management system service for the purpose of updating paper charts and nautical publications and the distribution of Admiralty Notices to Mariners in digital format using the dedicated Digitrace system via CD-ROM, Internet or e-mail communication.

On the basis of our meeting at MCA Headquarters and the supplementary information provided, I am pleased to advise you that the MCA recognise "Digitrace" 5 as satisfying the carriage requirement for Notices to Mariners under Regulation 19.2.1.4 of Chapter V of the Safety of Life at Sea (SOLAS) Convention and the corresponding Merchant Shipping (Safety of Navigation) Regulations 2002.

This recognition is given on the basis that the weekly edition of the Admiralty Notices to Mariners is provided in its entirety (Parts I – VI) and in a read-only format that cannot be altered by end-users, and complies with the terms of the UK Hydrographic Office license.

If UKHO withdraws or suspends their approval, the status of this MCA approval will also need to be considered as changed accordingly.

Please sign below as acknowledgement of the above and return the signed copy to the MCA.

Yours sincerely

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