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Dear Roger

### DIGITAL FORM OF ADMIRALTY NOTICES TO MARINERS

Following the entry into force of the revised Chapter V of the Safety of Life at Sea (SOLAS) Convention on 1<sup>st</sup> July 2002, I am writing to let you know that the Merchant Shipping (Carriage of Nautical Publications) Regulations, 1998, have now been revoked.

The carriage requirements for nautical charts and nautical publications, contained within new Regulation 19.2.1.4 of the revised Chapter V, are now given legal effect through the Merchant Shipping (Safety of Navigation) Regulations, 2002. These new Regulations also came into force on 1<sup>st</sup> July 2002.

I am pleased, however, to inform you that the Maritime & Coastguard Agency (MCA) will continue to accept the digital form of Admiralty Notices to Mariners, as meeting the carriage requirement for such notices, under the revised SOLAS Convention and the new UK legislation outlined above.

It would, therefore, be appropriate to suggest that any UK Hydrographic Office literature, relating to MCA's acceptance of digital notices to mariners for carriage requirement purposes, is updated to take account of the new legislation.

Yours sincerely

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