

High Speed Craft Consultative Committee Consultation Paper

Carriage Requirement of ECDIS to Existing Registered High Speed Craft

Purpose

1. The purpose of this paper is to seek Members' view to the carriage requirement of ECDIS to existing registered high-speed craft (i.e. craft constructed before 1 July 2008) not later than 1 July 2010.

Background

2. On 17 March 2008, MD circulated the information paper HSCCC No. 1/2008 informing members on the implementation of carriage requirements of the Electronic Chart Display and Information System (ECDIS) to existing high-speed craft. Members were informed that MD would review the mandatory carriage requirement of ECDIS based on practical experience and feedback on the use of ECDIS.

Measures to Implement the Carriage Requirement of ECDIS for Existing Registered HSC

3. Since then MD has jointly conducted two ECDIS demonstration with a HSC operator and one night service trial demonstration on board a high speed craft. Feedback from the operator and navigating officers gave positive recognition to the ECDIS that such system could enhance the safety of navigation on board the HSC.

4. In view of the above assessment MD intends to impose the carriage requirement that ECDIS should be installed on board all existing registered high-speed craft not later than 1 July 2010.

5. Members are requested to give their comments/views on the proposed new requirement.

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