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Paper for Consideration by CSPCWG

Removal of INT1 Section W / highlighting Section V

Submitted by:	Secretary
Executive Summary:	The transfer of Section W (INT abbreviations) to M-4 has been agreed. Spain has suggested highlighting INT abbreviations in Section V.
Related Documents:	IHO CL27/2008.
Related Projects:	Next editions of INT1

Introduction / Background

IHO CL27/2008 paragraph 5 stated that:

‘The CSPCWG proposes that the list of International abbreviations (which has been recently updated), should be transferred from INT1 to M-4’. This was explained as follows:

‘International abbreviations. INT1 is a document specifically designed and published for chart users (although it is acknowledged that it provides a useful quick reference for chart compilers). The list of International abbreviations in Section W is useful for compilers, but the CSPCWG believes it is of little use to the chart user (as all the abbreviations are repeated in section V), but essential for the chart compiler. Therefore, the list would be better transferred to M-4 (suggested location B-122)’.

The MS responses were as follows:

Accept or no comment: AU, BH, BR, CA, CO, CU, DE, DK, DZ, EE, ES, FI, FR, GT, IN, IS, IT, MA, NL, OM, PE, PG, PL, QA, SE, SG, SI, TN, UK, US, ZA

MS Comments (The emboldening is added)

CL: We agree to list the abbreviations in the publication M4. **But we disagree to delete section W of the INT1**

CO: We agree, in the M-4 it will be more useful, taking into account that the documents concerning this subject must have a list of abbreviations so that they can be easily consulted and the information can be handled in a faster way.

CU: We agree with the transfer from INT 1 to M 4, for the reasons explained in the proposal. In Cuba since 1991, 1992, practically all the international abbreviations are applied. Since then, the use of national abbreviations is avoided. We have in preparation a new edition of the national INT 1 publication where we will include the new abbreviations and proposals. As it is mentioned, it is useful for the cartographers to have an independent list of international abbreviations, besides it is not necessary for the sailor and then the INT 1 can be simplified. The paragraph B122 of M4 is a suitable place to insert the list of international abbreviations.

ES: Although the basic reference for the cartographers is the publication M4, the INT 1 is also used by them as a quick reference. **Therefore it should be considered a way of highlighting the international abbreviations, for example in bold, in the new common list of abbreviations of the section V of INT 1.**

OM: Definitely more appropriate

ZA: Delete last sentence of M-4 B-122 with reference to section W in INT1.

Analysis / Discussion

1. All Member States agreed to including the list of International Abbreviations in M-4 (at B-122).
2. Only Chile disagreed with removing Section W from INT1 (without providing an argument in favour of retaining it). Chile is, of course, at liberty to retain section W in its own version of INT1.
3. Spain has an additional suggestion for highlighting INT abbreviations in Section V. This suggestion would possibly satisfy Chile.

Conclusions

Spain's suggestion has merit and would be easy to implement in the next editions of INT1 (when Section W is removed).

Recommendations

Distinguish between INT and non-INT abbreviations in Section V of future editions of INT1. The INT1 subWG should consider the best method of achieving this.

Justification and Impacts

With the removal of section W, it may be useful as a quick reference for cartographers to distinguish INT and non-INT abbreviations in the combined Section V. There would be little effort involved.

Action required of CSPCWG

The CSPCWG is invited to endorse the recommendation.