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Dear Mr Payne

DIGITAL ADMIRALTY NOTICES TO MARINERS

I am pleased to inform you that, following the UK Hydrographic Office's success in overcoming certain problems in transmitting coloured correction blocks as part of their digital notices to mariners trials, the Maritime & Coastguard Agency (MCA) now fully recognises the ChartCo electronic courier service as satisfying the carriage requirement for notices to mariners, under the Merchant Shipping (Carriage of Nautical Publications) Regulations 1998 and Regulation 20 of Chapter V of the Safety of Life at Sea (SOLAS) Convention.

At this moment it is not the Agency's intention to issue a Marine Guidance Note. However, this position will probably change when new UK regulations are implemented in response to the major revision to SOLAS Chapter V that is scheduled to enter into force on 1 July 2002.

Meanwhile, may I wish you every success with companies who have expressed interest in the ChartCo service.

Yours sincerely

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