	DEPARTMENT OF MARINE SERVICES AND MERCHANT SHIPPING (ADOMS)
	ECDIS updates required for the new IHO Standards

1. This Information Notice is to draw attention to all owners and operators of vessels fitted with electronic chart display and information systems (ECDISs).

2. The International Hydrographic Organisation (IHO) have made a number of significant changes in the software Presentation Library which require ECDIS updates. These standard updates affected all new ECDIS systems and new installations from 19 August 2015.

3. Current ECDIS systems have until **31 August 2017** to update their systems to comply with the ECDIS software, as follows;
   - IHO S-52 Edition 6.0* is updated to IHO S-52 Edition 6.1
   - IHO Presentation Library Edition 3.4* is updated to IHO Presentation Library Edition 4.0
   - IHO S-64 Edition 2.0.0* is updated to IHO S-64 Edition 3.0.1

4. To meet the requirements of IMO Circular MSC.1/Circ.1503, owners and operators should liaise with ECDIS manufacturers to ensure that their ECDIS software arrangements comply with the latest versions of the IHO Standards, by the required date.

5. These updates are considered mandatory and evidence that ECDIS equipment has been upgraded may be required by Port State Control, in certain areas.

6. In cases where there are problems in arranging for the ECDIS upgrade, or vessel is in a port where there are no technicians to complete the ECDIS software upgrade to the latest IHO Standards, please contact ADOMS for advice on further actions needed.