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San José, 25 June 2013

Josephine Washington
Product Manager
United Kingdom Hydrographic Office (UKHO)

Dear Ms Washington,

With regard to your unnumbered note of 29 April 2013 with a general request for the Maritime Administrations to indicate whether the use of digital products, such as the digital navigational publications of the United Kingdom Hydrographic Office (UKHO), is permitted as a replacement for traditional printed navigational charts. As you mention, the digital versions produced by the UKHO are specifically designed to be equivalent to the Admiralty (UKHO) printed publications; their functionality has been improved compared with the printed versions and it is possible for them to be updated automatically.

The Department of Navigation and Safety belonging to the Port Maritime Division of the Ministry of Public Works and Transport (MOPT) of Costa Rica, as a Maritime Administration, accepts the use of both printed navigational charts and digital navigational charts produced by the UKHO on board vessels navigating overseas with the Costa Rican flag in order to meet the requirements relating to transport that are specified in the International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea (SOLAS), 1974, for navigational publications.

Yours sincerely,

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Jorge Hernández Chavarria
Director

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