Ms Josephine Washington
United Kingdom Hydrographic Office

I am writing to you in relation to your email of 28 January 2013, which was received in these offices on 7 March 2013, in which you informed us that a Mexican shipping company has asked you about the use of digital navigational publications released by the United Kingdom Hydrographic Office (UKHO).

In relation to this matter, you state that your office produces digital versions of various printed navigational publications, improving their functionality in comparison with the printed versions as these digital versions can be updated automatically, their content is exactly the same as the printed versions and the product and data originate from an authorised hydrographic office.

In light of the foregoing, you requested to be informed whether our administration authorises the use of these products.

In relation to this matter, I would like to inform you that due to the fact that SOLAS Chapter V, Regulation 19, paragraph 2, section 2.1, subparagraph 4 states, in relation to such products, that an electronic chart display and information system (ECDIS) may be accepted, and as these products originate from a recognised Hydrographic Office, such as the UKHO, this Maritime Authority is pleased to inform you that it has no problems with the use of these products on our vessels.

Best regards,

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