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Dear Customer,

IMPORTANT INFORMATION – the regulations for protecting ENC's have changed

From January 2014 the latest version of the IHO standard (S-63 Edition 1.1) will become compulsory. This means that from the end of December 2013, the permit file version number will change and all ECDIS users must use a new certificate file (IHO.CRT instead of PRIMAR.CRT) to authenticate ENC data.

If the ECDIS on your vessels have not been upgraded to S-63 Edition 1.1 by January 2014, **they will no longer meet the IHO standards and therefore no longer be compliant.**

On 18th July 2013 UKHO is launching AVCS on 1 DVD which will also include the IHO.CRT certificate file to update CAIM customers' ECDIS. To help manage the transition to S-63 Edition 1.1 we will arrange for an AVCS DVD upgrade pack to be sent to you for each of the vessels under your management, together with a combination of information and tools to ensure your vessels remain compliant. A 1.1 CD service will also be available later in the year for those unable to support DVD.

Although this change is being driven by the regulations, there are significant advantages for the user to upgrade to AVCS on 1 DVD. Data can now be issued weekly on 1 DVD, giving **reduced data handling, faster loading speeds and fewer warning messages.**

We will fully assist you during this transition by providing specific support.

If you need further information, please feel free to contact us.

Yours sincerely,

Marcello Bianchini
Chief Operating Officer