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**ACTION TO BE TAKEN BY PORT STATES ON THE REQUIRED UPDATES OF  
ELECTRONIC CHART DISPLAY AND INFORMATION SYSTEMS (ECDIS)**

1 The Sub-Committee on Implementation of IMO Instruments (III) at its fourth session (25 to 29 September 2017), noting that some manufacturers have been unable to provide the required updates by 31 August 2017, expressed concern about the challenges being experienced by the industry in making required updates to existing Electronic Chart Display and Information Systems (ECDIS) on board ships and considered the need for issuing advice to port States.

2 In this regard, the Sub-Committee agreed that port State control officers (PSCOs) inspecting ships carrying ECDIS that have not been updated as per SOLAS chapter V, owing to the lack of availability of required updates from the manufacturer, should take a pragmatic and practical approach. In doing so:

- .1 PSCOs should check whether relevant documentation has been issued by the flag State; and
- .2 in the absence of flag State's documentation, the PSCOs should consult with the flag State accordingly.

3 Member Governments are to be guided accordingly and are invited to bring this advice to the attention of all concerned, in particular, PSCOs, recognized organizations, companies and other relevant parties.