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Submission of paper to NAV57 on AIS-AtoN from Japan

1 SUMMARY

The attached is a copy of paper (draft) submitted to NAV57 from Japan regarding AIS-AtoN.

1.1 Purpose of the document

The purpose of the attached paper is to introduce the topics that will be discussed under the development of IMO policy on AIS-AtoN to the IMO NAV Sub-committee in order to progress the work. In addition, Japan also proposes the establishment of two-year correspondence group to accomplish the work.

The paper is approved by Japan Coast Guard (JCG). However the official submission to IMO is required the approval from the Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, Transportation and Tourism and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. Through this process, some editorial amendments will be occurred, although the purport should be remained. Therefore the paper is still in draft and not final.

Since ANM Committee is in charge of operational matters of AIS-AtoN, JCG would like to introduce the paper in advance to the official submission to NAV57.

1.2 Related documents

IALA Recommendation of A-126 and O-143 are directly related and other IALA documents regarding AIS are also related.

2 BACKGROUND

JCG submitted a report of study on AIS-AtoN at e-NAV4 including a proposal of new symbols. After the discussion of e-NAV, JCG was encouraged to raise the symbol issue to IMO since IMO is a competent authority regarding symbols on navigational display. In response to the discussion of e-NAV, Japan proposed a new work item of NAV Sub-committee, development of new symbols for AIS-AtoN, at MSC86. MSC approved the proposal and the development was started from NAV56. Japan submitted the draft new symbols at NAV56 and some delegates appreciated the initiative of Japan. However many delegates expressed concerns that there had been no formal discussion about AIS-AtoN, especially virtual AIS-AtoN at IMO and the Sub-committee agreed that there was a need of development of IMO policy on AIS-AtoN before the development of symbols. Consequently Japan again proposed the expansion of the scope of work to include the development of policy co-sponsored by the US at MSC88 and MSC approved the proposal and renamed the title to "development of policy and new symbols for AIS-AtoN".

3 ACTION REQUESTED OF THE COMMITTEE

The ANM Committee is invited to consider the contents of the paper and take action as appropriate.