



International Merchant Marine Registry of Belize

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Merchant Shipping Notice **MSN-0008**

NAVIGATION CHARTS FOR VESSELS TRADING TO / FROM JAPAN

World Geodetic System Implementation (WGS 64)

Notice to Recognized Organizations, Deputy Registrar, Resident Agents and those concerned

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1. BACKGROUND

- 1.1. Considering the high number of detentions involving Belizean-flagged vessels in which “**outdated charts**” have been pointed out as a deficiency,
- 1.2. Noting that, since April 1, 2002 the Hydrographic Department of Japan Coast Guard informed that all nautical charts would be issued in accordance with the World Geodetic System (WGS 84)

2. ENTRY INTO FORCE

- 2.1. This Technical Note shall take effect as to the date of issue.

3. APPLICATION

- 3.1. The present Technical Note shall be implemented by all Recognized Organizations, Deputy Registrars, Resident Agents and those concerned.

4. ACTIONS REQUESTED

- 4.1. All ships calling at and voyaging around Japan shall be provided with Nautical Charts in World Geodetic System. *
- 4.2. This requirement should be rectified and/or verified by the attending surveyor from the Recognized Organization not later than the first Survey after the issuance of this Technical Note.
- 4.3. Notify to the Administration that this information have been notified and properly distributed among all surveyors, registered vessels and interested parties.

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