



Royal Netherlands Navy

Review product portfolio Netherlands Hydrographic Service

The Netherlands Hydrographic Service has reviewed its product portfolio. This results in an intended decision to withdraw 1800 series charts covering non-SOLAS waters and to withdraw 1800 series charts which are also covered by other nautical paper charts. Of course electronic and paper products under SOLAS obligation will be preserved.

The Hydrographic Service exists to produce the necessary products for safe navigation for SOLAS¹-shipping. This market is rapidly changing, which will accelerate in the near future. Over the last decade the carriage requirements for our primary customers has changed from paper to digital. For them, ECDIS is mandatory now and use of paper charts is rapidly declining. Also new standards for electronic navigation are under development. This requires choices.

The Netherlands is currently covered by Ao printed nautical charts (primarily in use by SOLAS mariners) and partly by the 1800 series (primarily in use by non-SOLAS mariners, including for recreational users). As a result, there is often duplicate coverage by paper charts. The Hydrographic Service will discontinue duplicate coverage as far as possible. In addition, it will limit its mapping of areas for which it is not officially responsible. The Service will, of course, continue to produce paper and electronic nautical products that are required by the SOLAS Convention.

The following changes apply:

- Chart atlas 1803 will be withdrawn, around 2023
- Chart atlas 1809 will be withdrawn, per January 2021
- Limited coverage of chart atlas 1801. Exclusions include most Belgian territory, around 2022
- Limited coverage of chart atlas 1810. Exclusions include the IJmuiden-Amsterdam route and the Randmeren, around 2023
- Limited coverage of chart atlas 1812. Exclusions include Lauwersmeer and most German territory, around 2022

The changes will be implemented gradually. The process will probably take 1 to 2 years. Definitive data will be announced on the website and in the Notices to Mariners.

For further questions and remarks, please use our contact form at <https://english.defensie.nl/topics/hydrography/contact-form-hydrography> or contact us at info@hydro.nl

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