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Dear [REDACTED],

Thank you for your email of 01 August 2018 requesting the following information:

*“Any reports, analyses, risk assessments or risk registers on the impact of Brexit on the UK Hydrographic Office.”*

I am treating your correspondence as a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA).

A search for the information has now been completed within the UKHO, and I can confirm that some information in scope of your request is held.

The information you have requested can be found below, at annex A.

If you are not satisfied with this response or you wish to complain about any aspect of the handling of your request, then you should contact me in the first instance. If informal resolution is not possible and you are still dissatisfied then you may apply for an independent internal review by contacting the Information Rights Compliance team, Ground Floor, MOD Main Building, Whitehall, SW1A 2HB (e-mail [CIO-FOI-IR@mod.uk](mailto:CIO-FOI-IR@mod.uk)). Please note that any request for an internal review must be made within 40 working days of the date on which the attempt to reach informal resolution has come to an end.

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Yours sincerely,

UKHO Secretariat

## Annex A

There are no analyses, risk assessments or risk registers relating to the impact of Brexit on the UK Hydrographic Office.

The following information is relevant to your request:

*The impact of the UK leaving the European Union (EU) following the referendum in 2016 is ongoing but the UKHO's Corporate Plan 2018 outlined the requirement to monitor and fully understand the implications on the UKHO.*

**Data Acquisition.** *Our bilateral agreements and relationships are with individual nations rather than the EU and so there will be little impact.*

**Data Collection.** *The funds and activities which collect data within UK waters, including the Civil Hydrography Programme (CHP) are managed and coordinated by the MCA rather than UKHO. No UKHO data collection programme, such as Commonwealth Marine Economies Programme, are dependent on EU finances.*

**Boundaries:** *All matters of land and maritime boundaries are bilateral and they are not subject to overriding non-sovereign bodies such as the EU. As such there is potentially significant work on fisheries limits and Northern Ireland limits and as a result there will be some limited impact on our work load but no impact on us as an organisation.*

**Product sales:** *Noting that a majority of our sales are conducted in US\$, issues associated with exchange rate (could be beneficial / or not) and import / export tariffs on our products (as yet unknown).*

**Regulations:** *Are likely to be swept over in the EU Withdrawal Bill or overtaken by new UK policy associated with the Geospatial Commission.*