

WORLD METEOROLOGICAL ORGANIZATION

Questionnaire on weather and sea bulletins broadcast by NAVTEX

If your Meteorological Service provides weather and sea bulletin broadcasts by the International NAVTEX Service and/or by a local NAVTEX service, please fill out this questionnaire for each service.

A. Identification section

Member state/territory:

Name of contact:

Mailing address:

Telephone:

Telefax:

E-mail:

B. Identification of transmitting stations

1. Transmitting station(s)

Name	call sign	Location (latitude, longitude)	area covered	Coverage of meteorological information	Time of broadcast (UTC)	Language (on 518kHz and if available on 490kHz)

2. Is your NMS directly broadcasting the weather bulletins? If "No", how are the bulletins sent to the transmitting station(s) ? (e.g. Telex,etc.)

Yes No

C. Elaboration of messages

1. Please fill out the following tables

Warning:

Types of bulletins (on receipt, scheduled, others)	Domains (are sub-areas used?)	Update frequency	Detailed content (warning, general synopsis, forecasts, further outlook..)	Scale or unit used for each parameter

Synopses:

Types of bulletins (on receipt, scheduled, others)	Domains (are sub-areas used?)	Update frequency	Detailed content (warning, general synopsis, forecasts, further outlook..)	Scale or unit used for each parameter

Forecasts:

Types of bulletins (on receipt, scheduled, others)	Domains (are sub-areas used?)	Update frequency	Detailed content (warning, general synopsis, forecasts, further outlook..)	Scale or unit used for each parameter

Others (if any):

Types of bulletins (on receipt, scheduled, others)	Domains (are sub-areas used?)	Update frequency	Detailed content (warning, general synopsis, forecasts, further outlook..)	Scale or unit used for each parameter

2. If a bulletin contains a large amount of information, how is the bulletin compiled or shortened (e.g. to use a dedicated format, abbreviations) ?

3. Please describe mean and maximum sizes of bulletins

4. Are there any difficulties to follow the mandatory and/or additional format described in the Manual on Marine Meteorological Services (WMO- No.558) ? If "Yes", please specify.

 Yes No

Please provide examples of weather and sea bulletins and warnings prepared by your Service, for NAVTEX broadcast. If a dedicated format, specific glossary or abbreviations are used, please provide them.

D. Transmission

1. Is there any system (automatic or manual) to check that the time slots of ten minutes are respected strictly (to avoid overlapping with other transmitters) and to take into account the priority of each message?

2. Have you encountered any difficulties that are associated with the size of bulletins (weather bulletin, weather and navigation bulletin, warning)?

3. If a bulletin/message is too long (or if there is not enough time place in the slot) to be broadcast in the normal slot, what happens (e.g. messages are sent in the next vacant slot) ?

4. If a bulletin is too long, is the bulletin split into several NAVTEX messages before the broadcast?
 Yes No

5. If so, which service is responsible for this action (NMS or other), and which criteria are used?

6. Please describe mean and maximum sizes of messages (if bulletins are split)

Please provide examples of weather and sea bulletins and warnings issued by your Service, and received on a NAVTEX receiver.