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GENERAL SUMMARY

6.5 Codes

6.5.10 Introduction of $D_s v_s xxx$ in FM 22 and 23

The original request by the SAR Division of ICAO had been misunderstood by CMM. The president of the CAeM had recommended the matter and CSM now recommends (Recommendation 18) exactly what the SAR-Division wants. The apparent conflict between the CSM and CMM recommendation is a result of CMM's misinterpretation. CSM's recommendation gives detailed instructions on the change to be made in Fascicule I of Publication no. 9.

Rec. 18 (CSM-I) – INTRODUCTION OF THE CODE GROUP D_sv_sxxx

THE COMMISSION FOR SYNOPTIC METEOROLOGY,

NOTING,

(1) That the International Civil Aviation Organization has requested that provision be made for the inclusion of information regarding ship's course and speed in weather reports from supplementary and other ships in any area where the inclusion of this information as a routine is required by the responsible ship-report collecting centre, at the request of the local search and rescue authority, under such conditions as may be agreed between that authority and the responsible meteorological authority;

(2) That, as the provision of this information may contribute to the planning of search and rescue operations and thereby to the safety of human life, a departure from the general principle that the contents of weather reports should be confined to the information required by Meteorological Services is justifiable;

(3) That the Commission for Maritime Meteorology has indicated, in paragraph (b) of the amended Recommendation 17 of its First Session, that there is no objection in principle, from the maritime meteorological aspect, to compliance with the request of the International Civil Aviation organization;

(4) That the specific request addressed to the World meteorological Organization can be met without invoking the co-operation of the agencies listed in paragraph (a) of the amended recommendation 17 of the First Session of the Commission for Maritime Meteorology, viz. The International Civil Aviation Organization, Intergovernmental Maritime Consultative Organization and International Telecommunications Union;

RECOMMENDS,

(1) That the group D_sv_sxxx be added to code forms FM 22 and FM 23;

(2) That the following note be inserted under code forms FM 22 and FM 23 in Fascicule I of Publication

No. 9:

“The group $D_s v_s xxx$ shall be indicated in shipS7 reports from an area only when the ship-report collecting centre for that area, in order to meet a requirement of a search and rescue centre, has requested its inclusion, as a routine procedure, by all ships in the area”.

(3) That note (6) under FM 21 (page I-A-1-22 of Fascicule I, Publication No. 9) be amended to:

“Ships which according to national instructions or because of failure of instruments do not report the group $D_s v_s app$ shall, however, include a group $D_s v_s xxx$ in the ship report when in an area where the collecting centre, in order to meet a requirement of a search and rescue centre, has requested this inclusion as a routine procedure”.

(4) That any further joint discussion of the reporting of direction and speed of ships between the International Civil Aviation Organization, the Intergovernmental Maritime Consultative Organization, the International Telecommunications Union and the World Meteorological Organization should be postponed until a joint meeting between these organizations is convened on the initiative of some organization other than the World Meteorological Organization.