

COMMISSION FOR SYNOPTIC METEOROLOGY
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GENERAL SUMMARY

6.8.3 Call signs ships

This item was easily settled (Recommendation 29). The Commission felt that indicators were useful and that call signs should be utilized rather than full names or nationally allocated figure identifiers.

Rec. 29 (CSM-I) – INCLUSION OF SHIPS' CALL SIGNS IN METEOROLOGICAL MESSAGES

THE COMMISSION FOR SYNOPTIC METEOROLOGY,

CONSIDERING,

- (1) That the inclusion of call signs in collective messages of ships' reports is desirable in order that users may identify the vessels concerned;
- (2) That the call sign of each ship originating a meteorological report is known to the coast station receiving the message, as that call sign is used by the ship when initiating the call to the coast station;
- (3) That if ships include their call signs in the text of original messages, extra cost would be involved;

RECOMMENDS,

- (1) That Members should, if possible, arrange with their telecommunications services for the inclusion of 4-letter call signs of ships in the preambles of ships' weather messages when transmitted from coastal receiving stations to collecting centres;
- (2) That these call signs should also be included in all collective messages of ships' reports;
- (3) That in cases where inclusion of these call signs is not possible, identification of ship be made by name or by special numbers;
- (4) That the World Meteorological Organization take action with the International Telecommunications Union with a view to securing arrangements for waving any charges which might arise from the inclusion of call signs in the preambles of ship-shore meteorological messages;
- (5) That Resolution 92 (CD Washington 1947) be cancelled.