

FOURTH SESSION OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Geneva, 6th – 26th October 1953

ABRIDGED REPORT WITH RESOLUTION

WMO – No. 20.RC.5

Res. 24 (EC-IV) – INCLUSION OF SHIPS' CALL SIGNS IN METEOROLOGICAL MESSAGES

THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE,

NOTING Recommendations 29 (CSM-I) and Resolution 3 (CMM-I)

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 reports from selected and supplementary ships;

(3) That in cases where inclusion of these call signs is not possible, identification of selected and supplementary ships be made by name or by special numbers; and

CANCELS Resolution 92 (CD Washington 1947); and

DIRECTS the Secretary-General to bring this resolution to the attention of all Members.