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The DCP stations are equipped with the following eight sensors: wind speed (cup anemometer), wind direction (vane), air pressure (aneroid barometer), air temperature (Pt 100 thermoresistance), relative humidity (hair hygrometer), precipitation (tipping bucket raingauge), soil temperature (sensor similar to air temperature) and global solar radiation (Moll pyranometer). The sensor data are measured with continuity. The data are transmitted to METEOSAT at hourly intervals. The data are assembled and coded by a microprocessor into WMO code FM 12-VII SYNOP. The message includes Section 1 and Section 5. Groups 3 to 7 of Section 5 contain housekeeping data. The messages are injected into the GTS by RTH Offenbach within 20 minutes after every whole hour, under the following abbreviated headings :

SMEU1 EESA
SIEU21 EESA
SNEU21 EESA

5. ARGOS monthly status report

As of 25 July 1984 the ARGOS service was handling reports from 241 drifting buoys, 60 moored buoys, 1 balloon, 7 ships, 175 fixed stations and 33 miscellaneous platforms. On the same date, during a period of 24 hours, 445 DRIBU reports from 43 drifting buoys were transmitted to the RTH Paris for insertion into the GTS. The list of platforms reporting through ARGOS and distributed over the GTS is to be amended as follows:

(i) New active ARGOS platforms effective 25 July 1984

<u>Operating country</u>	<u>ARGOS Identifier</u>	<u>WMO Identifier</u>
<u>Code DRIBU</u>		
Norway	09401	63005
*South Africa	09493	25893
United States of America	03832	65501
	03841	63541
	03875	48537
	03876	48538
	03877	48539

(ii) ARGOS platforms that have ceased transmitting

<u>Operating country</u>	<u>ARGOS Identifier</u>	<u>WMO Identifier/call sign</u>
France	01471	64521
	01473	43601
*South Africa	04245	20645
	04251	20651
United States of America	05606	48506

*The Government of the Republic of South Africa has been suspended by Resolution 38(Cg-VII) from exercising its rights and enjoying its privileges as a Member of WMO.

6. Feed-back from Members to the Secretariat on any changes in the observing network

In view of the difficulties experienced at present in identifying non-implemented observing stations or implemented stations which are closed or suspended for a certain period, or stations making observations but not reaching their NMCs, the ninth session of the CBS Advisory Working Group recommended that a special table be added to the WMO monthly operational letter to serve as feed-back from Members to the Secretariat on any changes of the present state of implementation of observing programmes of SYNOP, TEMP and PILOT reporting stations.

The special table, accompanied by explanatory notes overleaf, is attached as an appendix to this annex. Members are urged to fill in this appendix, as and when appropriate, and to return it to the Secretariat before the 1st of each month to enable changes to be included in the next monthly letter.