

3. Mobile ship stations

3.2 Upper-air programmes on board mobile ships

Canada

The Atmospheric Environment Service is establishing an upper-air sounding programme (Automated Shipboard Aerological Programme - ASAP) on board the vessel M/V FRIENDSHIP (call sign ELXP). This programme is expected to be in operation from 15 October 1985 through to 30 April 1986. The vessel operates between Japan and West Coast North American ports with a return sailing time of 28 to 30 days.

Also, an ASAP programme will commence operating during October 1985 on board the M/V MANULANI (call sign KN1J). This vessel operates between U.S. West Coast ports and Hawaii with a return sailing time of 12 to 14 days.

An ASAP programme is presently in operation on board the M/V SKEENA (call sign ZCSK) and operates between North American West Coast ports (Vancouver, Canada, Long Beach, California) and Japanese and Korean ports. This programme has been in operation since 22 January 1985. The return sailing time is from 45-50 days. The upper-air messages are input into the GTS at Vancouver, Canada, as a SHIP TEMP message with the ship identification ZCSK.

5. Argos monthly status report

5.2 Reports in the DRIBU code were entered into the GTS through Argos Local Users Terminals (LUTs) from the following platforms:

LUT in Oslo (Norway) (as of 26 November 1985)

<u>Operating country</u>	<u>WMO Identifier/call sign</u>	<u>Argos Identifier</u>
France	65512	01471
Netherlands	44611	04183
Norway	44621	03696
	48541	03815
	48542	03816
	48543	03817
	63001	09400
	63002	03702
	63503	03700
	63005	04050
	63009	03674
	63012	03673
	63510	03692
	63013	03070
	63515	03843
	63017	03073
	63526	03687
	63528	03679
	63529	03680
	64501	03706
	64503	03708
	65516	03711

Note

Members operating Argos Local Users Terminals (LUTs) are invited to submit to the Secretariat by telex, the list of platforms entering reports into the GTS through their LUTs, effective on or around the 20th of each month.

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 WWV monthly operational letter to serve as feed-back from Members to the Secretariat on any changes of