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Annexes: 2

GENEVA, 31 January 1991

Subject : Monthly letter on the operation of the World Weather Watch (WWW) and Marine Meteorological Services (MMS) January 1991

Action required : To be noted and brought to the attention of appropriate operational units

Dear Sir/Madam,

As you are aware, all the information on changes to the operation of the World Weather Watch (WWW) and Marine Meteorological Services (MMS) is being assembled and distributed by the Secretariat on a monthly basis to facilitate updating and follow-up action.

In this connection, please find attached the annexes providing the latest operational information on WWW and MMS. Those items and sub-items for which information is provided are listed below:

Annex I - Global Observing System

C. Information on operational status of elements of the surface-based sub-system

1. Publication No. 9, Volume A - Stations

- 1.2 Deleted stations**
- 1.3 Changes to existing stations**
- 1.5 Temporary changes**

To: Permanent Representatives (or Directors of Meteorological or Hydro-meteorological Services) of Members of WMO (PR-4597)
Directors of Meteorological Services of non-Member countries (MC-2441)
Presidents and Vice-Presidents of Regional Associations (P.RA-1266)
Presidents and Vice-Presidents of Technical Commissions (P.TC-1384)
Chairmen of CBS Working Groups
Secretary-General of ICAO
Director-General of IATA
Secretary of IOC
Director-General of ASECNA
Director of ECMWF

4. Automatic marine stations

5. ARGOS

5.1 ARGOS monthly status report

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

D. Information on operational status of space sub-system

Annex III - Global Telecommunication System

C. Information on the operation of the GTS


2. Transmission schedules (Publication No. 9, Volume C, Chapter II)

2.3 Changes in schedules/technical specifications

The CBS Advisory Working Group recommended that a special table should be added to the monthly letter to report changes of the present status of implementation of observing programmes of SYNOP, TEMP and PILOT reporting stations. You will note, therefore, that a new item, number 6, "Feed-back from Members to the Secretariat on any changes in the observing network" has been added to Annex I - Global Observing System.

Your co-operation in ensuring that the above information reaches the appropriate operational units of your service is greatly appreciated. If you wish to receive additional copies of the monthly circular letter, please inform the Secretariat accordingly.

Yours faithfully,


for (G.O.P. Obasi)
Secretary-General

Annex I - Global Observing System

Date: January 1991

C. Information on operational status of elements of the surface-based sub-system

1. Publication No. 9, Volume A - Stations

1.2 Deleted stations

64909 EKONA
64912 TIKO

1.3 Changes to existing stations

64870	NGAOUNDERE	X X X X X X X X		P	P	P	P	/
64880	BANYO	X X X X X X X .		.	.	.	.	/
64882	MEIGANGA	X X X X X X X .		.	.	.	.	/
64890	MAMFE	X X X X X X X X		.	.	.	.	/
64893	KOUNDJA	X X X X X X X .		P	P	P	P	/
64901	BETARE-OYA	X X X X X X X .		.	.	.	.	/
64931	BATOURI	X X X X X X X X		P	P	P	P	/
64960	ABONG-MBANG	X X X X X X X X		.	.	.	.	/
64961	LOMIE	X X X X X X X X		.	.	.	.	/
71069	SLAVE LAKE, ALTA	X . X . X . X .	H00-24	.	.	.	P	/
71073	FORT RELIANCE, NWT	X . . . X . X .	H00-03, 12-23	.	.	.	.	/
89869	UNIV.WI.ID. 8915	79°57'S164°58'E	75	.	.	.	.	AUT/
		X X X X X X X X		.	.	.	.

1.5 Temporary changes

Notification from China that the replacement of station 58367 SHANGHAI by 58362 SHANGHAI has been postponed until further notice.

Notification from Argentina that for technical reasons 12 UTC radiosonde observations are being temporarily suspended at station 87155 RESISTENCIA AERO.

4. Automatic marine stations

Canada

Data from moored and drifting buoys are collected via geostationery and polar orbiting satellites respectively. Meteorological reports from moored buoys using FM 13-IX SHIP code are distributed on the GTS from the Direct Readout Station located in Vancouver, B.C. Reports from drifting buoys are received at the Argos Local User Terminal in Edmonton and distributed on the GTS using the FM 14-VIII DRIBU code.

Legend

<u>Column</u>	<u>Observed or technical parameters</u>
1	Wind direction and speed
2	Air temperature
3	Air pressure
4	Pressure tendency
5	Sea-surface temperature
6	Wave period and height
7	Wave spectra
8	Peak wind gust

Moored Buoys (North-east Pacific Ocean):

<u>WMO buoy Identifier</u>	<u>Position 21 January 1991</u>	<u>Observed or technical parameters</u>							
		<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>8</u>
46004	50°56'N 135°52'W	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
46036	48°18'N 133°51'W	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
46181	53°49'N 128°51'W	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
46182	49°29'N 123°18'W	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
46184	53°56'N 138°48'W	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
46185	52°25'N 129°48'W	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
46204	51°14'N 128°27'W	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
46205	54°10'N 134°20'W	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
46206	48°50'N 126°00'W	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
46207	50°31'N 129°33'W	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
46208	52°18'N 132°25'W	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X

Moored Buoys (North-west Atlantic Ocean):

<u>WMO buoy Identifier</u>	<u>Argos Identifier</u>	<u>Position 21 January 1991</u>	<u>Observed or technical parameters</u>							
			<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>8</u>
41012	01602	33°36'N 071°54'W	X	X	X	X	X	.	.	.
44016	01605	38°00'N 072°54'W	X	X	X	X	X	.	.	.
44137	05579	41°14'N 061°14'W	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
44138	03434	44°13'N 053°36'W	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
44139	03448	44°19'N 057°21'W	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
44140	05576	42°44'N 050°36'W	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
44142	05578	42°30'N 064°12'W	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X

Moored Buoys (Great Lakes):

<u>WMO buoy Identifier</u>	<u>Position 10 January 1991</u>	<u>Observed or technical parameters</u>							
		<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>8</u>
45132	42°06'N 083°05'W	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
45135	44°42'N 075°30'W	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
45137	45°20'N 080°02'W	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X

Drifting Buoys (North-east Pacific Ocean):

WMO buoy Identifier	Argos Identifier	Position 08 January 1991	Observed or technical parameters							
			1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
46632	12511	43°30'N 145°06'W	.	X	X	X	X	.	.	.
46681	07135	49°24'N 161°12'W	.	X	X	X	X	.	.	.
46684	07137	44°18'N 165°36'W	.	X	X	X	X	.	.	.
46687	07138	37°54'N 138°30'W	.	X	X	X	X	.	.	.
46693	07140	36°54'N 148°16'W	.	X	X	X	X	.	.	.
46694	07141	27°06'N 151°54'W	.	X	X	X	X	.	.	.
46695	07142	29°42'N 150°18'W	.	X	X	X	X	.	.	.
46697	07144	28°30'N 155°18'W	.	X	X	X	X	.	.	.
46703	06269	50°12'N 165°36'W	.	X	X	X	X	.	.	.
46704	07128	46°18'N 150°18'W	.	X	X	X	X	.	.	.
46705	07129	49°00'N 144°36'W	.	X	X	X	X	.	.	.
46706	07130	41°12'N 133°42'W	.	X	X	X	X	.	.	.
46707	07131	26°24'N 132°24'W	.	X	X	X	X	.	.	.

United States of America

List of U.S.A. Ocean Data Acquisition System (ODAS) included in the January 1991 Data Platform Status Report of the Data Buoy Centre of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA). Data from moored buoys and platforms are collected by geostationary meteorological satellites and reports are distributed on the GTS in SHIP code. Data from drifting buoys are collected by the Argos system and distributed on the GTS in DRIBU code.

Legend

<u>Column</u>	<u>Observed or technical parameters</u>
1	Wind direction and speed
2	Air temperature
3	Pressure
4	Pressure tendency
5	Sea-surface temperature
6	Wave period and height
7	Wave spectra
8	Drogued

Moored Buoys:

WMO buoy Identifier	Position		Observed or technical parameters						
	10-17 January 1991		1	2	3	4	5	6	7
32302	18°00'S	85°06'W	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
41001**	34°54'N	73°00'W	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
41002**	32°18'N	75°12'W	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
41006**	29°18'N	77°12'W	X	X	X	X	X	X	X

* Sensor/system failure.

** Primarily for National Weather Service (NWS) support; however, all stations report data to NWS.

Moored Buoys (continued):

WMO buoy Identifier	Position		Observed or technical parameters						
	10-17 January 1991		1	2	3	4	5	6	7
41008	30°42'N	81°06'W	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
41009	28°30'N	80°12'W	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
41010	28°54'N	78°30'W	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
42001**	25°54'N	89°42'W	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
42002**	25°54'N	93°36'W	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
42003**	25°54'N	85°54'W	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
42007	30°06'N	88°48'W	X	*	X	X	X	.	.
42019	27°54'N	95°00'W	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
42020	27°00'N	96°30'W	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
44001	38°24'N	73°36'W	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
44004**	38°30'N	70°36'W	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
44005**	42°42'N	68°36'W	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
44007**	43°30'N	70°06'W	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
44008**	40°30'N	69°24'W	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
44009**	38°24'N	74°42'W	X	X	X	X	.	X	X
44011**	41°06'N	66°36'W	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
44012**	38°48'N	74°36'W	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
44013**	42°24'N	70°48'W	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
44014	36°36'N	74°48'W	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
44015	37°06'N	73°36'W	*	X	X	X	X	X	X
44023	37°30'N	74°24'W	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
44024	37°42'N	74°42'W	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
45001**	48°00'N	87°42'W	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
45002**	45°18'N	86°24'W	*	X	X	X	X	X	X
45003**	45°18'N	82°42'W	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
45004**	47°30'N	86°30'W	*	X	X	X	X	X	X
45005**	41°42'N	82°24'W	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
45006**	47°18'N	89°54'W	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
45007**	42°42'N	87°06'W	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
45008**	44°18'N	82°24'W	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
46001**	56°18'N	148°18'W	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
46002**	42°30'N	130°24'W	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
46003**	51°54'N	155°54'W	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
46005**	46°06'N	131°00'W	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
46006**	40°48'N	137°42'W	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
46010**	46°12'N	124°12'W	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
46011	34°54'N	120°54'W	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
46012	37°24'N	122°42'W	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
46013	38°12'N	123°18'W	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
46014	39°12'N	124°00'W	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
46022	40°42'N	124°30'W	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
46023	34°18'N	120°42'W	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
46025	33°42'N	119°06'W	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
46026**	37°42'N	122°42'W	X	X	X	X	X	X	X

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* Sensor/system failure

Moored Buoys (continued):

WMO buoy Identifier	Position 10-17 January 1991		Observed or technical parameters						
			1	2	3	4	5	6	7
46027**	41°48'N	124°24'W	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
46028	35°48'N	121°54'W	X	X	X	X	*	X	X
46030	40°24'N	124°30'W	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
46035	57°00'N	177°42'W	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
46040	44°48'N	124°18'W	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
46041	47°24'N	124°30'W	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
46042	36°48'N	122°24'W	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
51001**	23°24'N	162°18'W	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
51002**	17°12'N	157°48'W	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
51003**	19°12'N	160°48'W	*	X	X	X	X	X	X
51004**	17°30'N	152°36'W	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
52009	13°12'N	144°30'E	*	*	*	*	*	*	*

Drifting Buoys:

WMO buoy Identifier	Argos Identifier	Position 7-14 January 1991		Observed or technical parameters								
				1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	
14803	08844	23°S	051°E	.	X	X	.	X	.	.	.	.
14804	08845	25°S	051°E	.	X	X	.	X	.	.	.	.
17803	05571	39°S	089°E	X	*	X	.	X	.	.	.	X
17804	12300	41°S	074°E	.	*	X	.	X	.	.	.	.
17805	12304	37°S	075°E	.	*	X	.	X	.	.	.	.
17806	12306	41°S	007°W	.	X	X	.	X	.	.	.	.
32814	07491	18°S	085°W	.	X	X	.	X	.	.	.	.
33509	12307	45°S	041°W	.	X	X	.	X	.	.	.	.
33510	12308	48°S	018°W	.	X	X	.	X	.	.	.	.
33826	12296	57°S	017°E	.	X	X	.	X	.	.	.	.
33827	12297	49°S	031°E	.	X	X	.	X	.	.	.	.
33828	12298	45°S	037°E	.	X	X	.	X	.	.	.	.
33830	12305	45°S	007°E	.	X	X	.	X	.	.	.	.
54829	06762	38°S	157°W	.	*	X	.	X	.	.	.	.
54830	06763	47°S	123°W	.	*	X	.	X	.	.	.	.
54831	06764	47°S	121°W	.	X	X	.	.	.	.	.	.
54832	06585	41°S	164°W	X	X	X	.	X	.	.	.	X
54833	06586	46°S	144°W	X	X	X	.	X	.	.	.	X
54834	06583	36°S	157°W	X	X	X	.	X	.	.	.	X
54835	06731	35°S	156°W	.	X	X	.	X	.	.	.	.
55802	08843	24°S	053°E	.	X	X	.	X	.	.	.	.
55803	05136	58°S	161°E	.	X	X	.	X	.	.	.	.
56827	09221	59°S	133°E	.	*	X	.	*
56829	09222	22°S	035°E	.	.	X
56831	09217	09°S	114°E	.	.	X
56832	09219	18°S	109°E	.	X	X	.	X

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* Sensor/system failure

5. ARGOS service

5.1 ARGOS monthly status report

As at 2 January 1991 the Argos service was handling reports from 564 drifting buoys, 122 moored buoys, 50 balloons, 35 ships, 53 animal trackings, 402 fixed stations, 64 boats and 15 miscellaneous platforms. DRIBU reports from 65 drifting buoys, SHIP reports from 1 selected ship and BATHY reports from 27 selected ships were transmitted to the RTH Paris and DRIBU reports from 230 drifting buoys were transmitted to the WMC Washington for insertion into the GTS. The list of platforms reporting through Argos and distributed over the GTS follows:

<u>Operating country</u>	<u>WMO Identifier/call sign</u>	<u>Argos Identifier</u>	
Australia	55511	00418	
	56001	04873	
	56501	02934	
	56502	02936	
	56544	02935	
	56546	02951	
	56547	04870	
	56548	04871	
	56549	04872	
	9VWM*	09187	
	VMAP*	09188	
	9VUU*	09190	
	S6FK*	09193	
	VJBQ*	09196	
	GYRW*	09197	
	VJDP*	09198	
	GYSE*	09199	
	Canada	44006	04004
		47558	09785
France	13531	05832	
	41056	00332	
	44609	05799	
	44610	10102	
	62503	05790	
	62513	05829	
	62516	05833	
	62518	10104	
	62519	10106	
	64516	05796	
	64517	10105	
	64527+	05822	
	3EAJ*	04711	
	3EBD*	04725	
	A3BZ*	04709	
C6HL*	04705		

* PTT's transmitting at irregular intervals.

+ PTT's which were removed from the GTS during the month.

<u>Operating country</u>	<u>WMO Identifier/call sign</u>	<u>Argos Identifier</u>
France (continued)	ELEH*	08746
	FNCZ*	04724
	FNJT*	04722
	FNOM*	04701
	FNAP*	04706
	FNQB*	04726
	FNZO*	04716
	FNZP*	04719
	FNZQ*	04703
	FPYO*	04729
	FWQP*	08747
	HPEW*	04720
	REPO*	04717
	ZDBE*	04718
	OIOI*	08742
	Germany	71524	03315
71529		08057
71532		08060
71540		08068
Iceland	44616	04183
	64565+	04184
Japan	52060	08718
	52064	08724
Netherlands	44615+	03037
	64564+	03036
New Zealand	55579	06435
	55582	07175
	55583	07179
	55584	07178
	55585	07177
Norway	17001	01591
	17003	01758
	44624	03722
	44743	01298
	63002	09407
	63004	09403
	63512	01792
	65581	01299
	71001	01757
	74001	09405

+ PTT's which were removed from the GTS during the month.

* PTT's transmitting at irregular intervals.

<u>Operating country</u>	<u>WMO Identifier/call sign</u>	<u>Argos Identifier</u>	
South Africa**	17512	09096	
	17513+	09092	
	17517	08268	
	17520	09094	
	17522	09095	
	17523	09086	
	17524	09099	
	17527	09087	
	17528	08260	
	17529	09088	
	17530	09093	
	17531	08262	
	17532	09090	
	United Kingdom	44617	07695
		44728	04039
		44730+	06298
62608		03919	
62803		06299	
62804		06305	
62805		06285	
12847		11191	
United States of America	14803	08844	
	14804	08845	
	17803+	05571	
	17804	12300	
	17805	12304	
	17806	12306	
	17808	05118	
	25536	12780	
	25537	12789	
	31502	09844	
	32513	11910	
	32514	10836	
	32515	11898	
	32516	11911	
	32519	11905	
	32520	11577	
	32521	11909	
	32522	10808	
	32523	10809	
	32525	11192	
32526+	11193		
32528	10820		
32529	11194		

** 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.

+ PTT's which were removed from the GTS during the month.

<u>Operating country</u>	<u>WMO Identifier/call sign</u>	<u>Argos Identifier</u>
United States of America (continued)	32531	10812
	32532	11897
	32534	11196
	32535	11907
	32537	10839
	32538	11172
	32539	11875
	32540	11904
	32541	11656
	32544	11908
	32545	10849
	32546	11160
	32547	11201
	32549	11163
	32550	11894
	32552	11195
	32553	10841
	32554	10840
	32559	11900
	32560	11572
	32814	07491
	33509	12307
	33510	12308
	33826	12296
	33827	12297
	33828	12298
	33830	12305
	41012	01602
	41014	01606
	41503	12666
	41504	12668
	41510	09845
	41511	09846
	41512	09857
	41513	09853
	43502	11168
	43503	11874
	43504	11198
	43508	11171
	43510	11628
	43801	06898
	44016	01605
	44017	01604
44020	01609	
44021	01608	
44502	04570	
44504	04561	
44505	09878	

<u>Operating country</u>	<u>WMO Identifier/call sign</u>	<u>Argos Identifier</u>
United States of America (continued)	44506	04542
	44510	04530
	44518	09841
	44519	09851
	44520	09856
	44521	12753
	44522	12754
	44523	12772
	44524	12750
	44528	12768
	44529	12746
	44530	12770
	44532	12743
	44534	12771
	44536	12744
	44537	12747
	44538	12762
	44539	12751
	44540	12752
	44541	12763
	44542	12764
	44543	12765
	44545	12767
	44551	12453
	46510	12672
	46511	12690
	46512	12691
	46514	12693
	47601	12785
	48518	12782
	48519	12783
	51502	12642
	51510	11671
	51511	06883
51513	11663	
51514	11675	
51515	11678	
51516	11632	
51517	11676	
51518	15077	
51519	11646	
51520	11653	
51801	11197	
51802	11650	
51803	11912	
51805+	11622	
51806	11625	
51809	11199	

+ PTT's which were removed from the GTS during the month.

<u>Operating country</u>	<u>WMO Identifier/call sign</u>	<u>Argos Identifier</u>
United States of America (continued)	51810	15087
	51811	11644
	51812	11657
	51813	11569
	51814	11682
	51816	11620
	51817	11655
	51818	11630
	51819	11645
	51820	11687
	51821	11690
	51822	11870
	51824	11685
	51825	11686
	51826	11871
	51827	11688
	51828	11695
	51829	11202
	51830	15088
	51831	11689
	51832	11691
	51833	11872
	51834	11170
	51835	11638
	51836	11698
	51837	11642
	51839	11700
	51840	11536
	51841	15098
	51842	11702
	51843	11703
	51844	11542
	51845	11548
	51846	11692
	51847	11706
	51850	11662
	51851	11547
	51853	11694
	51855	11705
	51856	11559
	51857	11667
	51858	11668
	51862	11670
	51863	11564
	51865	11623
	51866	11664
	51867	11666
	51868	11669

<u>Operating country</u>	<u>WMO Identifier/call sign</u>	<u>Argos Identifier</u>
United States of America (continued)	51869	11674
	51870	11679
	51871	11693
	51872	11696
	51873	11699
	51874	11701
	51875	11704
	51876	11683
	51877	15073
	51878	15072
	52802	10822
	52807	10824
	52813	10835
	52827	10823
	52852	11629
	52853	11624
	52854	11626
	52855	11631
	52857	11640
	52858	11649
	52861	11637
	52862	11560
	52865	11567
	52866	11887
	52867	11893
	52868	11876
	52872+	11890
	52873	11892
	52875	11896
	52877	11883
	52878	11885
	53807	11877
	53809	11886
	54829	06762
54830	06763	
54831	06764	
54832+	06585	
54833+	06586	
54834+	06583	
54835	06731	
55802	08843	
56827	09221	
56829	09222	
56831	09217	
62671	09847	
62672	09859	
62673	12474	
63549+	01534	

+ PTT's which were removed from the GTS during the month.

<u>Operating country</u>	<u>WMO Identifier/call sign</u>	<u>Argos Identifier</u>
United States of America (continued)	64539	12787
	64577	04126
	64578	04834
	64579	11720
	64580	12444
	64581	12486
	64582	12447
	64583	12456
	64584	12458
	64585	12473
	64586	12471
	65505	04632

ATLAS buoys

This report does not list the ATLAS buoys.

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 WWW 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.

D. Information on operational status of space sub-system

1. METEOSAT - Latest Operational News 1/3 (updated on 18 January 1991)

METEOSAT-4 is the operational satellite at 0 degree E/W and all missions are nominal.

(a) Scheduled interruptions for week 4.

METEOSAT-4 decontamination operations will start on Tuesday 22 January 1991 with slot 19 at 0900 UTC. Slot 18 will not be available. From slot 19 onwards METEOSAT-3 images will be disseminated via METEOSAT-4.

In order to allow detectors more time to cool down to the nominal temperature split mission operations will last for 72 hours. Nominal operations with METEOSAT-4 will resume on Friday, 25 January 1991. Slot 18 will not be disseminated during switch over.

(b) Interference

Currently some interference is being observed on MDD and dissemination channel A2. It is caused by the Chinese polar orbiting satellite FY1-B.

2. GOES - Operational News

New problems with thermal distortion of primary mirrors of GOES-NEXT were reported. The current schedule indicates that the first of these new satellites, GOES-I, should be ready for launch in June 1992. The new problem could, according to unofficial estimates, delay the launch further for anything between 2 and 12 months.

Meanwhile USA continues to use GOES-7 as a one satellite replacement for the nominal GOES-E and GOES-W configuration EUMETSAT has contingency plans to replace GOES-7 with METEOSAT-3 in an emergency, provided that METEOSAT-3 is not needed to support routine Meteosat operations at that time.

3. Polar orbiting status report (Updated 01 - January 1991)

NOAA-9: (Stand by)

NOAA-10: (Operational), morning descending, operational sensors - AVHRR (HRPT,APT), DCS, MSU, SAR, SEM. ERBE

NOAA-11; (Operational), afternoon ascending, operational sensors - AVHRR (HRPT,APT), SSU, DCS, SBUV, SAR.

	HRPT	APT	BCN
NOAA-9	1707(HSB)	137.62(VTX2)	137.77(BTX2)
NOAA-10	1698(LSB)	137.50(VTX1)	136.77(BTX1)
NOAA-11	1707(HSB)	137.62(VTX2)	137.77(BTX2)

Feed-back from Members to the Secretariat on any changes in the observing network
(explanatory notes overleaf)

Global Exchange/Regional Exchange (delete as appropriate)

Country: _____

Station index number	Bulletin identification TTAAii CCCC	Implementation of observing programme							Alternate observing station	Remarks
		00	03	06	09	12	15	18			21
1. SYNOP										
2. TEMP										
3. PILOT										

Explanatory notes for Feed-back from Members to the Secretariat on any changes in the observing network

1. Separate tables should be prepared for global exchange and regional exchange respectively. These tables should contain information concerning any changes of the present state of implementation of observing programmes of SYNOP, TEMP and PILOT reporting stations given in Attachment I-4 of the Manual on the GTS, Volume I for global exchange and, as applicable, Attachments AF-I, AI-1, SA-1, NA-1, PS-1 and EU-1 of the Manual on the GTS, Volume II for regional exchange.
2. For entries in these tables, the following should be taken into account:
 - (a) In the column "Station index number", the index number (Iliii) of each station should be entered in case of any changes in the observing programmes of the stations;
 - (b) In the column "Bulletin identification", the TTAAlI CCCC of the abbreviated heading of the meteorological bulletins which contains reports from the station should be inserted;
 - (c) In the column "Implementation of observing programme", "X" for implementation and "-" for non-implementation should be inserted as appropriate. In order to easily identify changes in the programme, this should be marked in red;
 - (d) In the column "Alternate observing station", the index number (Iliii) of an alternate observing station should be inserted in case another station is available with a view to filling gaps which are caused by suspension of observing programmes of the original station;
 - (e) The required information concerning the observing programme of the alternate station should be inserted in the next horizontal line of the original station;
 - (f) In the column "Remarks", reasons of temporary suspension of observing programmes and an expected date of resumption of the programmes should be given as far as possible. Non-standard collection and/or distribution times should also be included.
3. These tables should be sent to the Secretariat before the 1st of the month for inclusion of the changes in the monthly operational letter, as appropriate.

Annex III - Global Telecommunication System

Date: January 1991

C. Information on the operation of the GTS

2. Transmission schedules (Publication No. 9, Volume C, Chapter II)

2.3 Changes in schedules/technical specifications

VI-iii OFFENBACH/MAIN-MAINFLINGEN, Programme 1 (DCF 54) radio-facsimile broadcast effective 25 January 1991 changes as follows:

(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)
0608	10	120/288	AUEU EDZW FUEU EDZW	97882	0000 0000	D30 D30	850 hPa H+T (H+24, H+48, H+72) 850 hPa H+T (EM) No. 18
0619	10	120/288	AUEU EDZW FUEU EDZW	97855	0000 0000	D30 D30	500 hPa H+T (H+24, H+48, H+72) 500 hPa H+T (EM) No. 19
0630	10	120/288	FUEU EDZW	97971	0000	D30	(H+24), 700, 300, 200, 100 hPa H+T (EM) No. 20
0741	19	120/576	FSEU EDZW FUEU EDZW	97963	0000 0000	D60 D60	(H+12, H+36, H+60, H+84) 500 hPa H+T, Surface P, 850 hPa T, 700 hPa F (EM/GM) No. 24
0810	19	120/576	FSEU EDZW FUEU EDZW	97964	0000 0000	D60 D60	(H+96, H+120, H+144, H+168) 500 hPa H+T, Surface P, 850 hPa T, 700 hPa F (GM) No. 26
1808	10	120/288	FUEU EDZW	97973	1200	D30	(H+24) 700, 300, 200, 100 hPa H+T (EM) No. 60
1819	10	120/288	AUEU EDZW FUEU EDZW	97857	1200 1200	D30 D30	500 hPa H+T (H+24, H+48, H+72) 500 hPa H+T (EM) No. 61
1830	10	120/288	AUEU EDZW FUEU EDZW	97884	1200 1200	D30 D30	850 hPa H+T (H+24, H+48, H+72) 850 hPa H+T (EM) No. 62
1941	19	120/576	FSEU EDZW FUEU EDZW	97965	1200 1200	D60 D60	(H+24, H+48, H+72, H+96) 500 hPa H+T, Surface P, 850 hPa T, 700 hPa F (EM/GM) No. 66

Insert under 'Note:' (page C-VI-iii-12-8)

EM European Model (20 levels, 50 km) (Forecast times up to H+78)

GM Global Model (19 levels, 1,125 degrees) (Forecast times H+84 up to H+168)

On the different charts the following abbreviations will be used:

'EM3MO' for the European Model

'P106A' (Analyses) 'P106V' (Forecasts) for the Global Model.

The changes of all remaining charts of the above programmes from 'BKF/BKN' into 'EM/GM' will probably be completed by the end of February 1991.



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Annexes: 3

GENEVA, 28 February 1991

Subject : Monthly letter on the operation of the World Weather Watch (WWW) and Marine Meteorological Services (MMS) February 1991

Action required : To be noted and brought to the attention of appropriate operational units

Dear Sir/Madam,

As you are aware, all the information on changes to the operation of the World Weather Watch (WWW) and Marine Meteorological Services (MMS) is being assembled and distributed by the Secretariat on a monthly basis to facilitate updating and follow-up action.

In this connection, please find attached the annexes providing the latest operational information on WWW and MMS. Those items and sub-items for which information is provided are listed below:

Annex I - Global Observing System

C. Information on operational status of elements of the surface-based sub-system

1. Publication No. 9, Volume A - Stations

- 1.1 New Stations
- 1.2 Deleted stations
- 1.3 Changes to existing stations
- 1.5 Temporary changes

4. Automatic marine stations

5. ARGOS

5.1 ARGOS monthly status report

To: Permanent Representatives (or Directors of Meteorological or Hydro-meteorological Services) of Members of WMO (PR-4602)
Directors of Meteorological Services of non-Member countries (MC-2443)
Presidents and Vice-Presidents of Regional Associations (P.RA-1267)
Presidents and Vice-Presidents of Technical Commissions (P.TC-1385)
Chairmen of CBS Working Groups
Secretary-General of ICAO
Director-General of IATA
Secretary of IOC
Director-General of ASECNA
Director of ECMWF

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

Annex III - Global Telecommunication System

C. Information on the operation of the GTS

1. Catalogue of Meteorological Bulletins (Publication No. 9, Volume C, Chapter I)

1.5 Bulletins for oceanographic data

2. Transmission schedules (Publication No. 9, Volume C, Chapter II)

2.3 Changes in schedules/technical specifications

Annex IV - Codes

B. Manual on Codes

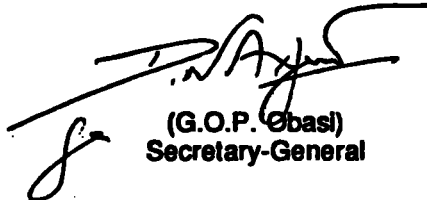
3. National practices

3.3 Changes to codes or procedures

The CBS Advisory Working Group recommended that a special table should be added to the monthly letter to report changes of the present status of implementation of observing programmes of SYNOP, TEMP and PILOT reporting stations. You will note, therefore, that a new item, number 6, "Feed-back from Members to the Secretariat on any changes in the observing network" has been added to Annex I - Global Observing System.

Your co-operation in ensuring that the above information reaches the appropriate operational units of your service is greatly appreciated. If you wish to receive additional copies of the monthly circular letter, please inform the Secretariat accordingly.

Yours faithfully,


(G.O.P. Obasi)
Secretary-General

Annex I - Global Observing System

Date: February 1991

C. Information on operational status of elements of the surface-based sub-system

1. Publication No. 9, Volume A - Stations

1.1 New stations

07039	VALOGNES	49°31'N	01°30'W	-	61	X X X X X X X X			...	AUT/
17045	ARTVIN	41°10'N	41°49'E	30	30	X X X X X X X X	H00-24		...	/
17052	KIRKLARELI	41°44'N	27°13'E	232	232	X X X X X X X X	H00-24		...	/
17069	ADAPAZARI	40°47'N	30°25'E	30	30	X X . X X X X X	H04-24		...	/
17085	AMASYA	40°39'N	35°51'E	412	412	X X X X X X X X	H00-24		...	/
17086	TOKAT	40°18'N	36°34'E	608	608	X X X X X X X X	H00-24		...	/
17099	AGRI	39°43'N	43°03'E	1632	1632					
					850 hPa	X X X X X X X X	H00-24		...	/
17140	YOZGAT	39°50'N	34°49'E	1298	1298					
					850 hPa	X X X X X X X X	H00-24		...	/
17193	NEVSEHIR	38°37'N	34°43'E	1260	1260					
					850 hPa	X X X X X X X X	H00-24		...	/
17203	BINGOL	38°52'N	40°30'E	1177	1177					
					850 hPa	X X X X X X X X	H00-24		...	/
17204	MUS	38°44'N	41°31'E	1320	1320					
					850 hPa	X X X X X X X X	H00-24		...	/
17275	MARDIN	37°18'N	40°44'E	1050	1050					
					850 hPa	X X X X X X X X	H00-24		...	/
17282	BATMAN	37°52'N	41°10'E	540	540	X X X X X X X X	H00-24		...	/
80434	VALLE DE LA PASCUA	09°13'N	66°01'W	-	125	X X . X X X X X	H09-24		...	/
91723	NUKUNONU	09°12'S	171°54'W	-	3	X X X X X X X X			...	/
91819	SUWARROW	13°14'S	163°05'W	-	3	X X X X X X X X			...	/

1.2 Deleted stations

02141 NAUSTA
07024 CHERBOURG

1.3 Changes to existing stations

02160	NATTAVAARA					. X X X X . . .	H05,11		...	/
02454	UTVALNAS					X X X X X X X X			...	AUT/
02480	NORRTALJE/VASBY					X X X X X X X .			...	/
17062	ISTANBUL/GOZTEPE					X X X X X X X X	H00-24	RW . RW .	...	/
17130	ANKARA/CENTRAL					X X X X X X X X	H00-24	RW . RW .	...	/

1.5 Temporary changes

Notification from New Zealand that as from 11 February 1991 at 1200 UTC station 93012 KAITAIA changed from manual processing of radiosonde observations to the vaisala pc-cora system.

Notification from Portugal that from 0000 UTC on 28 February 1991 until 2359 UTC on 4 March 1991 some difficulties may be experienced in transmission over national and international circuits of meteorological data related to Portugal, Azores and Madeira.

End of daylight saving time in Australia

Notification from Australia of the end of daylight saving time (summer time) as follows.

- (a) Australian summer time will cease in Queensland, New South Wales, the Australian capital Territory, Victoria and South Australia at 1500 UTC on 2 March 1991, and in Tasmania at 1500 UTC on 30 March 1991.
- (b) Australian summer time was not implemented in Western Australia and in the Northern Territory.
- (c) Surface observations in Queensland, New South Wales, the Australian Capital Territory, Victoria and South Australia will revert to the normal programme from 1500 UTC on 2 March 1991.
- (d) Surface observations in Tasmania will revert to the normal programme from 1500 UTC on 30 March 1991.
- (e) No changes will be made to time of surface observations in Western Australia and the Northern Territory.
- (f) Upper air observations will revert to the normal programme at all Australian stations from 1500 UTC on 2 March 1991.

4. Automatic marine stations

United States of America

List of U.S.A. Ocean Data Acquisition System (ODAS) included in the February 1991 Data Platform Status Report of the Data Buoy Centre of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA). Data from moored buoys and platforms are collected by geostationary meteorological satellites and reports are distributed on the GTS in SHIP code. Data from drifting buoys are collected by the Argos system and distributed on the GTS in DRIBU code.

Legend

<u>Column</u>	<u>Observed or technical parameters</u>
1	Wind direction and speed
2	Air temperature
3	Pressure
4	Pressure tendency
5	Sea-surface temperature
6	Wave period and height
7	Wave spectra
8	Drogued

Moored Buoys:

WMO buoy Identifier	Position		Observed or technical parameters						
	14-21 February 1991		1	2	3	4	5	6	7
32302	18°00'S	85°06'W	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
41001**	34°54'N	73°00'W	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
41002**	32°18'N	75°12'W	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
41006**	29°18'N	77°24'W	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
41008	30°42'N	81°06'W	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
41009	28°30'N	80°12'W	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
41010	28°54'N	78°30'W	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
42001**	25°54'N	89°42'W	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
42002**	25°54'N	93°36'W	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
42003**	25°54'N	85°54'W	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
42007	30°06'N	88°48'W	X	.	X	X	X	.	.
42019	27°54'N	95°00'W	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
42020	27°00'N	96°30'W	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
44001	38°24'N	73°36'W	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
44004**	38°30'N	70°36'W	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
44005**	42°42'N	68°36'W	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
44007**	43°30'N	70°06'W	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
44008**	40°30'N	69°24'W	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
44009**	38°24'N	74°42'W	X	X	X	X	.	X	X
44011**	41°06'N	66°36'W	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
44012**	38°48'N	74°36'W	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
44013**	42°24'N	70°48'W	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
44014	36°36'N	74°48'W	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
44015	37°30'N	73°24'W	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
44023	37°30'N	74°24'W	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
44024	37°42'N	74°42'W	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
45001**	48°00'N	87°42'W	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
45002**	45°18'N	86°24'W	.	X	X	X	X	X	X
45003**	45°18'N	82°42'W	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
45004**	47°30'N	86°30'W	.	.	.	X	X	X	X
45005**	41°42'N	82°24'W	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
45006**	47°18'N	89°54'W	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
45007**	42°42'N	87°06'W	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
45008**	44°18'N	82°24'W	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
46001**	56°18'N	148°18'W	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
46002**	42°30'N	130°24'W	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
46003**	51°54'N	155°54'W	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
46005**	46°06'N	131°00'W	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
46006**	40°48'N	137°42'W	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
46010**	46°12'N	124°12'W	X	X	X	X	X	X	X

* Sensor/system failure.

** Primarily for National Weather Service (NWS) support; however, all stations report data to NWS.

Moored Buoys (continued):

WMO buoy Identifier	Position		Observed or technical parameters						
	14-21 February 1991		1	2	3	4	5	6	7
46011	34°54'N	120°54'W	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
46012	37°24'N	122°42'W	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
46013	38°12'N	123°18'W	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
46014	39°12'N	124°00'W	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
46022	40°42'N	124°30'W	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
46023	34°18'N	120°42'W	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
46025	33°42'N	119°06'W	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
46026**	37°42'N	122°42'W	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
46027**	41°48'N	124°24'W	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
46028	35°48'N	121°54'W	X	X	X	X	.	X	X
46030	40°24'N	124°30'W	X	X	X	X	.	X	X
46035	57°00'N	177°42'W	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
46040	44°48'N	124°18'W	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
46041	47°24'N	124°30'W	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
46042	36°48'N	122°24'W	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
46045	33°48'N	118°24'W	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
51001**	23°24'N	162°18'W	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
51002**	17°12'N	157°48'W	X	X	X	X	.	X	X
51003**	19°12'N	160°48'W	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
51004**	17°30'N	152°36'W	.	.	.	.	.	.	.

Drifting Buoys:

WMO buoy Identifier	Argos Identifier	Position		Observed or technical parameters									
		20-21 February 1991		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8		
14803	08844	22°S	050°E	.	X	X	.	X	.	.	.	.	.
14804	08845	30°S	046°E	.	X	X	.	X	.	.	.	.	.
17803	05571	40°S	089°E	X	.	X	.	X	.	.	.	X	.
17804	12300	40°S	082°E	.	.	X	.	X	.	.	.	.	.
17805	12304	36°S	078°E	.	.	X	.	X	.	.	.	.	.
17806	12306	39°S	005°W	.	X	X	.	X	.	.	.	.	.
32814	07491	18°S	085°W	.	X	X	.	X	.	.	.	.	.
33509	12307	45°S	045°W	.	X	X	.	X	.	.	.	.	.
33510	12308	46°S	007°W	.	X	X	.	X	.	.	.	.	.
33826	12296	59°S	025°E	.	X	X	.	X	.	.	.	.	.
33827	12297	48°S	047°E	.	X	X	.	X	.	.	.	.	.
33828	12298	46°S	043°E	.	X	X	.	X	.	.	.	.	.
33830	12305	45°S	018°E	.	X	X	.	X	.	.	.	.	.
54829	06762	39°S	156°W	.	.	X	.	X	.	.	.	.	.
54830	06763	46°S	117°W	.	.	X	.	X	.	.	.	.	.
54831	06764	46°S	114°W	.	X	X	.	X	.	.	.	.	.
54832	06585	41°S	165°W	X	X	X	.	X	.	.	.	X	.
54833	06586	46°S	144°W	X	X	X	.	X	.	.	.	X	.
54834	06583	36°S	154°W	X	X	X	.	X	.	.	.	X	.
54835	06731	37°S	157°W	.	X	X	.	X	.	.	.	.	.

** Primarily for National Weather Service (NWS) support; however, all stations report data to NWS

• Sensor/system failure

Drifting Buoys (continued):

WMO buoy Identifier	Argos Identifier	Position		Observed or technical parameters							
		20-21 February 1991		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
55802	08843	27°S	052°E	.	X	X	.	X	.	.	.
55803	05136	60°S	175°E	.	X	X	.	X	.	.	.
56827	09221	59°S	143°E	.	.	X	.	.	.	.	.
56831	09217	09°S	114°E	.	.	X	.	.	.	.	.
56832	09219	12°S	110°E	.	.	X	.	.	.	.	.

- Sensor/system failure

5. ARGOS service5.1 ARGOS monthly status report

As at 6 February 1991 the Argos service was handling reports from 612 drifting buoys, 137 moored buoys, 4 balloons, 37 ships, 95 animal trackings, 410 fixed stations, 110 boats and 43 miscellaneous platforms. DRIBU reports from 56 drifting buoys and BATHY reports from 28 selected ships were transmitted to the RTH Paris and DRIBU reports from 224 drifting buoys were transmitted to the WMC Washington for insertion into the GTS. The list of platforms reporting through Argos and distributed over the GTS follows:

<u>Operating country</u>	<u>WMO Identifier/call sign</u>	<u>Argos Identifier</u>
Australia	55511	00418
	56001	04873
	56501	02934
	56502	02936
	56503	08035
	56504	08036
	56544	02935
	56546	02951
	56547	04870
	56548	04871
	56549	04872
	9VBZ*	09195
	VMAP*	09194
	9VUU*	09190
	9VWM*	09187
	GYRW*	09197
	GYSA*	09189
	GYSE*	09199
	S6FK*	09193
	VJBQ	09196
Canada	47558	09785
	47559	04004

- PTT's transmitting at irregular intervals.

<u>Operating country</u>	<u>WMO Identifier/call sign</u>	<u>Argos Identifier</u>
France	13531	05832
	44610	10102
	62503	05790
	62513	05829
	62516	05833
	62518	10104
	62519+	10106
	64516	05796
	64517+	10105
	3EAJ*	04711
	3EBD*	04725
	A3BZ*	04709
	C6HL*	04705
	ELEH*	08746
	FNCZ*	04724
	FNGB*	04733
	FNGS*	04707
	FNJT*	04722
	FNOM*	04701
	FNAP*	04706
	FNZO*	04716
	FNZP*	04719
	FNZQ*	04703
	FPYO*	04729
	FWQP*	08747
	GQEK*	04708
	HPEW*	04720
ZDBE*	04718	
Germany	71524	03315
	71540	08068
	71543	08055
	71545	09353
	71546	09354
	71547	09355
Japan	52060	08718
	52064	08724
New Zealand	55579	06435
	55582	07175
	55583	07179
	55584	07178
	55585	07177

+ PTT's which were removed from the GTS during the month.

* PTT's transmitting at irregular intervals.

<u>Operating country</u>	<u>WMO Identifier/call sign</u>	<u>Argos Identifier</u>	
Norway	17001	01591	
	17003	01758	
	44624+	03722	
	44743+	01298	
	63002	09407	
	63004+	09403	
	63512	01792	
	65581	01299	
	71001	01757	
	74001	09405	
	South Africa**	17522	09095
		17523	09086
		17524	09099
		17527	09087
17528		08260	
17529		09088	
17530		09093	
17532		09090	
United Kingdom		44617	07695
		62608	03919
	62803	06299	
	62804	06305	
	62805	06285	
United States of America	12847	11191	
	14803	08844	
	14804	08845	
	17803+	05571	
	17804	12300	
	17805	12304	
	17806	12306	
	25536	12780	
	31502	09844	
	32513	11910	
	32514	10836	
	32515	11898	
	32516	11911	
	32517	15093	
	32518	15091	
	32519	11905	

+ PTT's which were removed from the GTS during the month.

** 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.

<u>Operating country</u>	<u>WMO Identifier/call sign</u>	<u>Argos Identifier</u>	
United States of America (continued)	32521	11909	
	32522	10808	
	32523	10809	
	32525	11192	
		32528	10820
		32529	11194
		32531	10812
		32532	11897
		32534	11196
		32535	11907
		32537	10839
		32538	11172
		32539	11875
		32540	11904
		32541	11656
		32543	11015
		32544	11908
		32545	10849
		32546	11160
		32549	11163
		32550	11894
		32552	11195
		32553	10841
		32554	10840
		32558	09276
		32560	11572
		32814	07491
		33509	12307
		33510	12308
		33826	12296
		33827	12297
		33828	12298
		33830	12305
		41012	01602
		41014	01606
		41503	12666
		41504	12668
		41510	09845
		41511	09846
		41512	09857
		41513	09853
		43502	11168
		43503	11874
	43504	11198	
	43508	11171	
	43510	11628	
	43801	06898	
	44006+	04004	

+ PTT's which were removed from the GTS during the month.

<u>Operating country</u>	<u>WMO Identifier/call sign</u>	<u>Argos Identifier</u>
United States of America (continued)	44016	01605
	44017	01604
	44020	01609
	44021	01608
	44502+	04570
	44504	04561
	44505	09878
	44506	04542
	44510	04530
	44518	09841
	44519	09851
	44520	09856
	44521	12753
	44522	12754
	44523	12772
	44524	12750
	44528	12768
	44529	12746
	44530	12770
	44532	12743
	44534	12771
	44538	12762
	44540	12752
	44541	12763
	44542	12764
	44543	12765
	44544	12766
	44545	12767
	44551	12453
	46510	12672
	46511	12690
	46512	12691
	46514	12693
	47601	12785
	48518	12782
	48519	12783
	51007+	06475
	51510	11671
	51511	06883
	51512	15089
	51513	11663
	51514	11675
	51515	11678
	51516	11632
	51517	11676
	51518	15077
	51519	11646
	51520	11653

+ PTT's which were removed from the GTS during the month.

<u>Operating country</u>	<u>WMO Identifier/call sign</u>	<u>Argos Identifier</u>
United States of America (continued)	51801	11197
	51802	11650
	51803	11912
	51804	15092
	51806	11625
	51807	15094
	51809	11199
	51810	15087
	51811	11644
	51812	11657
	51813	11569
	51814	11682
	51816	11620
	51817	11655
	51818	11630
	51819	11645
	51820	11687
	51821	11690
	51822	11870
	51824	11685
	51825	11686
	51826	11871
	51827	11688
	51828	11695
	51829	11202
	51830	15088
	51831	11689
	51832	11691
	51833	11872
	51834	11170
	51835	11638
	51837	11642
	51839	11700
	51841	15098
	51842	11702
	51843	11703
	51845	11548
	51846	11692
	51847	11706
	51849	15097
	51850	11662
	51853	11694
	51855	11705
51857	11667	
51858	11668	
51861	15099	
51862	11670	
51863	11564	

<u>Operating country</u>	<u>WMO Identifier/call sign</u>	<u>Argos Identifier</u>
United States of America (continued)	51865	11623
	51866	11664
	51867	11666
	51868	11669
	51869	11674
	51870	11679
	51871	11693
	51872	11696
	51873	11699
	51874	11701
	51875	11704
	51876	11683
	51877	15073
	51878	15072
	51879	15074
	51880	15078
	51881	15080
	51882	15081
	51883	15083
	51884	15084
	51885	15086
	52807	10824
	52813	10835
	52827	10823
	52852	11629
	52853	11624
	52854	11626
	52857	11640
	52858	11649
	52865	11567
	52866	11887
	52867	11893
	52868	11876
	52872	11890
	52875	11896
	52877	11883
	52878	11885
	53809	11886
	54829	06762
	54830	06763
	54831	06764
	54832+	06585
	54833+	06586
	54834+	06583
	54835	06731
	55802	08843
	55803	05136
	56827	09221

+ PTT's which were removed from the GTS during the month.

<u>Operating country</u>	<u>WMO Identifier/call sign</u>	<u>Argos Identifier</u>
United States of America (continued)	56829	09222
	56831	09217
	56832	09219
	62671	09847
	62672	09859
	64533	12706
	64539	12787
	64577	04126
	64578	04834
	64580	12444
	64582	12447
	64583	12456
	64585	12473
	65505	04632

ATLAS buoys

This report does not list the ATLAS buoys.

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 WWW 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.

Feed-back from Members to the Secretariat on any changes in the observing network
 (explanatory notes overleaf)

Global Exchange/Regional Exchange (delete as appropriate)

Country: _____

Station index number	Bulletin identification TTAAii CCCC	Implementation of observing programme								Alternate observing station	Remarks
		00	03	06	09	12	15	18	21		
1. SYNOP											
2. TEMP											
3. PILOT											

Explanatory notes for Feed-back from Members to the Secretariat on any changes in the observing network

1. **Separate tables should be prepared for global exchange and regional exchange respectively. These tables should contain information concerning any changes of the present state of implementation of observing programmes of SYNOP, TEMP and PILOT reporting stations given in Attachment I-4 of the Manual on the GTS, Volume I for global exchange and, as applicable, Attachments AF-I, AI-1, SA-1, NA-1, PS-1 and EU-1 of the Manual on the GTS, Volume II for regional exchange.**

2. **For entries in these tables, the following should be taken into account:**
 - (a) **In the column "Station index number", the index number (Iliii) of each station should be entered in case of any changes in the observing programmes of the stations;**

 - (b) **In the column "Bulletin identification", the TTAAl CCCC of the abbreviated heading of the meteorological bulletins which contains reports from the station should be inserted;**

 - (c) **In the column "Implementation of observing programme", "X" for implementation and "-" for non-implementation should be inserted as appropriate. In order to easily identify changes in the programme, this should be marked in red;**

 - (d) **In the column "Alternate observing station", the index number (Ilii) of an alternate observing station should be inserted in case another station is available with a view to filling gaps which are caused by suspension of observing programmes of the original station;**

 - (e) **The required information concerning the observing programme of the alternate station should be inserted in the next horizontal line of the original station;**

 - (f) **In the column "Remarks", reasons of temporary suspension of observing programmes and an expected date of resumption of the programmes should be given as far as possible. Non-standard collection and/or distribution times should also be included.**

3. **These tables should be sent to the Secretariat before the 1st of the month for inclusion of the changes in the monthly operational letter, as appropriate.**

Annex III - Global Telecommunication System

Date: February 1991

C. Information on the operation of the GTS

1. Catalogue of Meteorological Bulletins (Publication No. 9, Volume C, Chapter I)

1.5 Bulletins for oceanographic data

SOAG01 SABM	SOVD11 KWBC
SOBZ01 SBBR	SOVD12 KWBC
SOCO01 SKBO	SOVD13 KWBC
SOSN01 ESWI	SOVE01 AMMC
SOVA01 EGRR	SOVE01 EGRR
SOVA02 EGRR	SOVE01 NTAA
SOVA10 RUMS	SOVE02 AMMC
SOVB01 EGRR	SOVE02 EGRR
SOVB02 EGRR	SOVE03 AMMC
SOVB10 RUHB	SOVE04 AMMC
SOVB10 RUMS	SOVE10 RUHB
SOVC01 EGRR	SOVF01 BIRK
SOVC02 EGRR	SOVF01 EDZW
SOVC10 RUHB	SOVF01 EGRR
SOVC10 RUMS	SOVF01 ESWI
SOVD01 BIRK	SOVF01 LFPW
SOVD01 CWHF	SOVF02 BIRK
SOVD01 CWPf	SOVF02 EGRR
SOVD01 EDZW	SOVF02 ESWI
SOVD01 EGRR	SOVF10 RUMS
SOVD01 KWBC	SOVJ01 EGRR
SOVD01 TFFF	SOVJ02 EGRR
SOVD01 TFFR	SOVJ10 RUML
SOVD01 TNCC	SOVX01 DEMS
SOVD02 BIRK	SOVX01 RJTD
SOVD02 CWOW	SOVX02 DEMS
SOVD02 EGRR	SOVX02 ETRW
SOVD02 KWBC	SOVX02 RJTD
SOVD02 TFFF	SOVX10 RUHB
SOVD01 TFFR	SOVX10 RUMS
SOVD02 TNCC	SOVX11 RJTD
SOVD03 KWBC	SOVX12 RJTD
SOVD04 KWBC	SOWD10 RUMS
SOVD05 KWBC	SOWE01 AMMC
SOVD06 KWBC	SOWE02 AMMC
SOVD07 KWBC	
SOVD08 KWBC	
SOVD09 KWBC	
SOVD10 RUHB	
SOVD10 RUMS	

2. Transmission schedules (Publication No. 9, Volume C, Chapter II)

2.3 Changes in schedules/technical specifications

VI-iii MADRID radio-facsimile broadcast changes in transmission times.

Annex IV - Codes

Date: February 1991

B. Manual on Codes

3. National practices

3.3 Changes to codes or procedures

Volume II - Region I - Section E -
NATIONAL CODING PROCEDURES WITH REGARD TO INTERNATIONAL CODE FORMS

FM 12-IX SYNOP AND FM 13-IX SHIP

Add
MOZAMBIQUE.

5EEE^E This group is reported at 0600 UTC by all stations with evaporation pans. The value of evaporation "EEE" is for the period of 24 hours of the day before the previous day observed at 0700Z of the preceding day.

Replace page II-1-E-4 (see Annex IV, p. 2)

REGION I

MALAWI (continued)

OT_gT_gR_cR_t

This group is used in the form OT_gT_g//.
The group OT_gT_g// is only reported at 0600 UTC from 1 May to 30 September.

943D_LD_L

This group is used during the tropical cyclone season only at station 67693 (Chileka).

MALI

6RRRt_R
12.2.5.4.

This group is only reported at 0600 and 1800 UTC in accordance with Regulation

7wwW₁W₂

ww is coded 05 only when horizontal visibility is less than 5 km
ww is coded 10 only when horizontal visibility is 1 km or more and less than 5 km.

55f_xf_xg₀ }
(55f_xf_xf_x) }

This (these) group(s) is (are) reported only by stations equipped with an anemograph.

9S_pS_ps_ps_p

This group is used in the following form:

990tw₁n_{w1}

Time of commencement and duration of fall of hail having occurred during the period covered by W₁W₂

n_{w1} Duration of fall of hail. (Code table 158)
t_{w1} Time of commencement of fall of hail. (Code table 158)

MOROCCO

9S_pS_ps_ps_p

This service uses deciles 50-59 and 60-69 as prescribed in Region VI (Code table 668):

95D_aN_mn₃ Cloud conditions over mountains and passes.

96D_aN_vn₄ Fog, mist or low cloud in valleys or plains, observed from a station at a higher level.

MOZAMBIQUE

5EEEi_E

This group is reported at 0600 UTC by all stations with evaporation pans.
The value of evaporation "EEE" is for the period of 24 hours of the day before the previous day observed at 0700Z of the previous day.

NIGER

4PPPP

This group is reported by stations with elevation higher than 500 m.

6RRRt_R
12.2.5.4.

This group is only reported at 0600 and 1800 UTC in accordance with Regulation

55f_xf_xg₀ }
(55f_xf_xf_x) }

This (these) group(s) is (are) reported only by stations equipped with an anemograph.

9SpSpep

This group is used in the following form:

990t_{w1}n_{w1} Time of commencement and duration of fall of hail.
n_{w1} Duration of fall of hail. (Code table 158)
tw₁ Time of commencement of fall of hail. (Code table 158)



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Annexes: 4

GENEVA, 31 March 1991

Subject : Monthly letter on the operation of the World Weather Watch (WWW) and Marine Meteorological Services (MMS) March 1991

Action required : To be noted and brought to the attention of appropriate operational units

Dear Sir/Madam,

As you are aware, all the information on changes to the operation of the World Weather Watch (WWW) and Marine Meteorological Services (MMS) is being assembled and distributed by the Secretariat on a monthly basis to facilitate updating and follow-up action.

In this connection, please find attached the annexes providing the latest operational information on WWW and MMS. Those items and sub-items for which information is provided are listed below:

Annex I - Global Observing System

C. Information on operational status of elements of the surface-based sub-system

1. Publication No. 9, Volume A - Stations

1.3 Changes to existing stations

2. WMO Catalogue of Radiosondes in use by Members

To: Permanent Representatives (or Directors of Meteorological or Hydro-meteorological Services) of Members of WMO (PR-4611)
Directors of Meteorological Services of non-Member countries (MC-2444)
Presidents and Vice-Presidents of Regional Associations (P.RA-1268)
Presidents and Vice-Presidents of Technical Commissions (P.TC-1386)
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Secretary-General of ICAO
Director-General of IATA
Secretary of IOC
Director-General of ASECNA
Director of ECMWF

3. Mobile sea stations

3.1 Ocean Weather Ships

4. Automatic marine stations

5. ARGOS

5.1 ARGOS monthly status report

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

D. Information on operational status of space sub-system

Annex II - Global Data-processing System

B. Information on operational status of GDPS including changes to WMO Publication No. 9 - Volume B

5. List of radiosonde stations for verification of NWP

Annex III - Global Telecommunication System

A. GTS regulatory or guidance material

3. Amendments to the Manual on the Global Telecommunication System

C. Information on the operation of the GTS

2. Transmission schedules (Publication No. 9, Volume C, Chapter II)

2.3 Changes in schedules/technical specifications

6. Coastal Radio Stations (Publication No. 9, Volume D, Part B)

6.3 Changes to existing stations

Annex V - Marine Meteorological Services (MMS) and related oceanographic activities

C. Information on the operation of Marine Meteorological Services

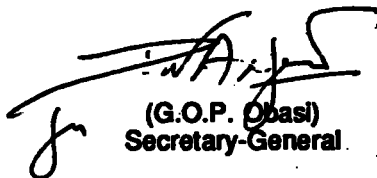
1. Broadcasts for shipping and other marine activities (Publication No. 9, Volume D, Part A)

1.3 Changes in schedules/technical specifications

The CBS Advisory Working Group recommended that a special table should be added to the monthly letter to report changes of the present status of implementation of observing programmes of SYNOP, TEMP and PILOT reporting stations. You will note, therefore, that a new item, number 6, "Feed-back from Members to the Secretariat on any changes in the observing network" has been added to Annex I - Global Observing System.

Your co-operation in ensuring that the above information reaches the appropriate operational units of your service is greatly appreciated. If you wish to receive additional copies of the monthly circular letter, please inform the Secretariat accordingly.

Yours faithfully,



(G.O.P. Obasi)
Secretary-General

Annex I - Global Observing System

Date: March 1991

C. Information on operational status of elements of the surface-based sub-system

1. Publication No. 9, Volume A - Stations

1.3 Changes to existing stations

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ALMIRANTE PADILLA

2. WMO Catalogue of Radiosondes in use by Members

Notification from Hungary that from 0000 UTC on 1 March 1991 a new upper-air sounding system is operated at station 12843 BUDAPEST/LORINC. METEORIT-2 ground equipment is replaced by VAISALA DIGICORA MW 11, and MARZ-2-2 (1780 MHz). Radiosondes are replaced by VAISALA RS 80-15N (403 MHz)

3. Mobile sea stations

3.1 Ocean Weather Ships

Notification from USSR that from 27 March to 24 June 1991 it is planned for the Soviet research vessel Ernst Krenkel (operated by the State Oceanographic Institute in Odessa of the USSR State Committee for Hydrometeorology) to participate in the international expedition for the EUROTRACK and EUREKA projects in the Mediterranean Sea. The work programme includes making upper-air observations from on board the ship during the periods 5-14 April and 1-15 June 1991, up to an average height of 30 km at 00, 06, 12 and 18 UTC.

These observations will be made within the area limited by the following points:

41°30'N	05°00'E:
42°30'N	05°00'E;
41°30'N	06°00'E;
42°30'N	06°00'E.

The results obtained from these observations will be transmitted for international exchange via the World Data Centre B.

4. Automatic marine stations

Canada

Data from moored and drifting buoys are collected via geostationery and polar orbiting satellites respectively. Meteorological reports from moored buoys using FM 13-IX SHIP code are distributed on the GTS from the Direct Readout Station located in Vancouver, B.C. Reports from drifting buoys are received at the Argos Local User Terminal in Edmonton and distributed on the GTS using the FM 14-VIII DRIBU code.

Drifting Buoys (North-east Pacific Ocean):

WMO buoy Identifier	Argos Identifier	Position 25 February 1991		Observed or technical parameters							
				1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
46632	12511	44°51'N	143°03'W	.	X	X	X	X	.	.	.
46681	07135	49°47'N	159°13'W	.	X	X	X	X	.	.	.
46684	07137	44°18'N	165°36'W	.	X	X	X	X	.	.	.
46687	07138	40°12'N	135°31'W	.	X	X	X	X	.	.	.
46693	07140	39°51'N	145°05'W	.	X	X	X	X	.	.	.
46694	07141	28°13'N	150°06'W	.	X	X	X	X	.	.	.
46695	07142	28°23'N	150°32'W	.	X	X	X	X	.	.	.
46703	06269	53°14'N	138°05'W	.	X	X	X	X	.	.	.
46704	07128	47°46'N	146°27'W	.	X	X	X	X	.	.	.
46705	07129	49°30'N	142°41'W	.	X	X	X	X	.	.	.
46706	07130	41°59'N	139°41'W	.	X	X	X	X	.	.	.
46707	07131	28°31'N	140°32'W	.	X	X	X	X	.	.	.

Drifting Buoys (Arctic Icepack):

WMO buoy Identifier	Argos Identifier	Position 25 February 1991		Observed or technical parameters							
				1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
48523	01107	74°39'N	135°58'W	.	X	X	X	.	.	.	.

United States of America

List of U.S.A. Ocean Data Acquisition System (ODAS) included in the March 1991 Data Platform Status Report of the Data Buoy Centre of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA). Data from moored buoys and platforms are collected by geostationary meteorological satellites and reports are distributed on the GTS in SHIP code. Data from drifting buoys are collected by the Argos system and distributed on the GTS in DRIBU code.

Legend

Column	Observed or technical parameters
1	Wind direction and speed
2	Air temperature
3	Pressure
4	Pressure tendency
5	Sea-surface temperature
6	Wave period and height
7	Wave spectra
8	Drogued

Moored Buoys:

WMO buoy Identifier	Position 14-21 March 1991		Observed or technical parameters						
			1	2	3	4	5	6	7
32302	18°00'S	85°06'W	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
41001**	34°54'N	73°00'W	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
41002**	32°18'N	75°12'W	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
41006**	29°18'N	77°24'W	*	*	*	*	*	*	*

** Primarily for National Weather Service (NWS) support; however, all stations report data to NWS

* Sensor/system failure

Moored Buoys (continued):

WMO buoy Identifier	Position		Observed or technical parameters						
	14-21 March 1991		1	2	3	4	5	6	7
41008	30°42'N	81°06'W	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
41009	28°30'N	80°12'W	X	X	X	X	X	X	
41010	28°54'N	78°30'W	X	X	X	X	X	X	
42001**	25°54'N	89°42'W	X	X	X	X	X	X	
42002**	25°54'N	93°36'W	X	X	X	X	X	X	
42003**	25°54'N	85°54'W	X	X	X	X	X	X	
42007	30°06'N	88°48'W	X	X	X	X	.	.	
42019	27°54'N	95°00'W	X	X	X	X	X	X	
42020	27°00'N	96°30'W	X	X	X	X	X	X	
44001	38°24'N	73°36'W	X	X	X	X	X	X	
44004**	38°30'N	70°36'W	X	X	X	X	X	X	
44005**	42°42'N	68°36'W	X	X	X	X	X	X	
44007**	43°30'N	70°06'W	X	X	X	X	X	X	
44008**	40°30'N	69°24'W	X	X	X	X	X	X	
44009**	38°24'N	74°42'W	*	X	X	X	*	X	
44011**	41°06'N	66°36'W	X	X	X	X	X	X	
44012**	38°48'N	74°36'W	X	X	X	X	X	X	
44013**	42°24'N	70°48'W	X	X	X	X	X	X	
44014	36°36'N	74°48'W	X	X	X	X	X	X	
44015	37°30'N	73°24'W	X	X	X	X	X	X	
44023	37°30'N	74°24'W	X	X	X	X	X	X	
44024	37°42'N	74°42'W	.	.	.	.	.	.
45001**	48°00'N	87°42'W	X	X	X	X	X	X	
45002**	45°18'N	86°24'W	*	X	X	X	X	X	
45003**	45°18'N	82°42'W	X	X	X	X	X	X	
45004**	47°30'N	86°30'W	*	*	*	X	X	X	
45005**	41°42'N	82°24'W	X	X	X	X	X	X	
45006**	47°18'N	89°54'W	X	X	X	X	X	X	
45007**	42°42'N	87°06'W	X	X	X	X	X	X	
45008**	44°18'N	82°24'W	X	X	X	X	X	X	
46001**	56°18'N	148°18'W	X	X	X	X	X	X	
46002**	42°30'N	130°24'W	X	X	X	X	X	X	
46003**	51°54'N	155°54'W	X	X	X	X	X	X	
46005**	46°06'N	131°00'W	X	X	X	X	X	X	
46006**	40°48'N	137°42'W	*	*	*	*	*	*	
46010**	46°12'N	124°12'W	X	X	X	X	X	X	
46011	34°54'N	120°54'W	X	X	X	X	X	X	
46012	37°24'N	122°42'W	X	X	X	X	X	X	
46013	38°12'N	123°18'W	X	X	X	X	X	X	
46014	39°12'N	124°00'W	X	X	X	X	X	X	
46022..	40°42'N	124°30'W	X	X	X	X	X	X	
46023	34°18'N	120°42'W	X	X	X	X	X	X	
46025	33°42'N	119°06'W	X	X	X	X	X	X	
46026**	37°42'N	122°42'W	X	X	X	X	X	X	

* Sensor/system failure.

** Primarily for National Weather Service (NWS) support; however, all stations report data to NWS.

Moored Buoys (continued):

WMO buoy Identifier	Position 14-21 March 1991		Observed or technical parameters						
			1	2	3	4	5	6	7
46027**	41°48'N	124°24'W	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
46028	35°48'N	121°54'W	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
46030	40°24'N	124°30'W	X	X	X	*	X	X	X
46035	57°00'N	177°42'W	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
46040	44°48'N	124°18'W	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
46041	47°24'N	124°30'W	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
46042	36°48'N	122°24'W	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
46045	33°48'N	118°24'W	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
51001**	23°24'N	162°18'W	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
51002**	17°12'N	157°48'W	X	X	X	X	*	X	X
51003**	19°12'N	160°48'W	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
51004**	17°30'N	152°30'W	X	X	X	X	X	X	X

Drifting Buoys:

WMO buoy Identifier	Argos Identifier	Position 20-21 March 1991		Observed or technical parameters							
				1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
14803	08844	27°S	041°E	.	X	X	.	X	.	.	.
14804	08845	27°S	048°E	.	X	X	.	X	.	.	.
16807	05133	52°S	016°W	.	X	X	.	X	.	.	.
16808	05127	48°S	014°W	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
17803	05571	41°S	092°E	X	*	X	.	X	.	.	X
17804	12300	39°S	082°E	.	*	X	.	X	.	.	.
17805	12304	35°S	076°E	.	*	X	.	X	.	.	.
17806	12306	38°S	002°W	.	X	X	.	X	.	.	.
17809	05125	43°S	001°W	.	X	X	.	X	.	.	.
17810	05126	40°S	001°E	.	X	X	.	X	.	.	.
17825	05129	45°S	009°W	.	X	X	.	X	.	.	.
32814	07491	25°S	071°W	.	X	X	.	X	.	.	.
33301	12310	56°S	028°W	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
33509	12307	44°S	043°W	.	X	X	.	X	.	.	.
33510	12308	48°S	000°W	.	X	X	.	X	.	.	.
33826	12296	60°S	028°E	.	X	X	.	X	.	.	.
33827	12297	49°S	054°E	.	X	X	.	X	.	.	.
33828	12298	45°S	047°E	.	X	X	.	X	.	.	.
33830	12305	43°S	025°E	.	X	X	.	X	.	.	.
54829	06762	41°S	157°W	.	*	X	.	X	.	.	.
54830	06763	44°S	116°W	.	*	X	.	X	.	.	.
54831	06764	46°S	114°W	.	X	X	.	X	.	.	.
54832	06585	42°S	166°W	X	X	X	.	X	.	.	X
54833	06586	45°S	145°W	X	X	X	.	X	.	.	X
54834	06583	37°S	153°W	X	X	X	.	X	.	.	X
54835	06731	39°S	156°W	.	X	X	.	X	.	.	.
54837	05135	30°S	159°W	.	X	X	.	X	.	.	.
55802	08843	27°S	048°E	.	X	X	.	X	.	.	.

** Primarily for National Weather Service (NWS) support; however, all stations report data to NWS

* Sensor/system failure

Drifting Buoys (continued):

WMO buoy Identifier	Argos Identifier	Position 20-21 March 1991		Observed or technical parameters									
				1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8		
55803	05136	61°S	176°W	.	X	X	.	X	.	.	.	.	.
56827	09221	58°S	150°E	.	*	?	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
56832	09219	13°S	107°E	.	X	X	.	X	.	.	.	.	.

* Sensor/system failure

5. ARGOS service

5.1 ARGOS monthly status report

As at 5 March 1991 the Argos service was handling reports from 628 drifting buoys, 124 moored buoys, 3 balloons, 37 ships, 157 animal trackings, 412 fixed stations, 125 boats and 40 miscellaneous platforms. DRIBU reports from 53 drifting buoys and BATHY reports from 26 selected ships were transmitted to the RTH Paris and DRIBU reports from 211 drifting buoys were transmitted to the WMC Washington for insertion into the GTS. The list of platforms reporting through Argos and distributed over the GTS follows:

<u>Operating country</u>	<u>WMO Identifier/call sign</u>	<u>Argos Identifier</u>	
Australia	55511	00418	
	56001	04873	
	56501	02934	
	56502	02936	
	56503	08035	
	56504	08036	
	56505	08037	
	56546	02951	
	56547	04870	
	56548	04871	
	56549	04872	
	9VBZ*	09195	
	9VUU*	09190	
	9VNM*	09187	
	GYSA*	09189	
	GYSE*	09199	
	S6FK*	09193	
	VMAP*	09194	
	Canada	21551	01314
		21552	01315
21553		01316	
44631		02376	
44632		05437	
44633		04761	
44634		02377	
44635		08666	

* PTT's transmitting at irregular intervals

<u>Operating country</u>	<u>WMO Identifier/call sign</u>	<u>Argos Identifier</u>	
Canada (continued)	46644	01198	
	46645	01199	
	46646	01310	
	46649	01313	
	46650	01424	
	46655	01429	
	46656	08090	
	46657	08093	
	47531	05218	
	47533	05215	
	47535	05216	
	47542	05217	
	47559	04004	
	France	13531	05832
		44610	10102
		62503	05790
62513		05829	
62516		05833	
62518		10104	
64516		05796	
3EBD*		04725	
A3BZ*		04709	
C6HL*		04705	
DIDA*		08742	
ELEH*		08746	
FH62*		04727	
FNCZ*		08744	
FNGS*		04707	
FNJT*		04722	
FNOM*		04701	
FNAP*		04706	
FNZO*		04717	
FNZQ*		04703	
FPYO*		04729	
FWPQ*		08747	
GQEK*		04708	
GTIA*	04712		
HPEN*	04720		
ZDBE*	04718		
Germany	71524	03315	
	71540	08068	
	71543	08055	
	71544	08062	
	71545	09353	
	71546	09354	
	71547	09355	
	71548	09360	

PTT's transmitting at irregular intervals.

<u>Operating country</u>	<u>WMO Identifier/call sign</u>	<u>Argos Identifier</u>
Iceland	64606	03711
Japan	52060 52064	08718 08724
New Zealand	55579 55582 55583 55584 55585	06435 07175 07179 07178 07177
Norway	17001 17003 63002 63512 65591 71001 74001	01591 01758 09407 01792 06666 01757 09405
South Africa**	17522 17524 17527 17528 17529 17530 17533 33021	09095 09099 09087 08260 09088 09093 09091 09085
United Kingdom	62608 62803 62804 62805	03919 06299 06305 06285
United States of America	12847 14803 14804 17803+	11191 08844 08845 05571

+ PTT's which were removed from the GTS during the month.

** 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.

<u>Operating country</u>	<u>WMO Identifier/call sign</u>	<u>Argos Identifier</u>
United States of America (continued)	17804	12300
	17805	12304
	17806	12306
	31502	09844
	32513	11910
	32514	10836
	32515	11898
	32516	11911
	32517	15093
	32518	15091
	32519+	11905
	32522	10808
	32523	10809
	32525	11192
	32528	10820
	32529	11194
	32531	10812
	32532	11897
	32534+	11196
	32535	11907
	32537	10839
	32538	11172
	32540	11904
	32541	11656
	32543	11015
	32544	11908
	32545	10849
	32546	11160
	32549	11163
	32550	11894
	32552	11195
	32553	10841
	32554	10840
32558	09276	
32560	11572	
32814	07491	
33509	12307	
33510	12308	
33826	12296	
33827	12297	

+ PTT's which were removed from the GTS during the month.

<u>Operating country</u>	<u>WMO Identifier/call sign</u>	<u>Argos Identifier</u>
United States of America (continued)	33828	12298
	33830	12305
	41012	01602
	41014	01606
	41503+	12666
	41504+	12668
	41510	09845
	41511	09846
	41512	09857
	41513	09853
	43502	11168
	43503	11874
	43504	11198
	43508	11171
	43510	11628
	43801	06898
	44016	01605
	44017	01604
	44018	01603
	44020	01609
	44021	01608
	44022	01607
	44504	04561
	44505	09878
	44506+	04542
	44510	04530
	44518	09841
	44520	09856
	44521	12753
	44528	12768
	44530	12770
	44532	12743
	44534	12771
	44538	12762
	44541	12763
	44542	12764
	44543	12765
	44544	12766
	44551	12453
	46510	12672
	46511	12690
	46512	12691
	46514	12693
47601	12785	
48519	12783	
51510	11671	
51511	06883	
51512	15089	

+ PTT's which were removed from the GTS during the month.

<u>Operating country</u>	<u>WMO Identifier/call sign</u>	<u>Argos Identifier</u>
United States of America (continued)	51513	11663
	51514	11675
	51515	11678
	51516	11632
	51517	11676
	51518	15077
	51519	11646
	51520	11653
	51801	11197
	51802	11650
	51803	11912
	51804	15092
	51806	09279
	51807	15094
	51808	15085
	51809	11199
	51810	15087
	51811	11644
	51813	11569
	51814	11682
	51816	11620
	51817	11655
	51818	11630
	51819	11645
	51820	11687
	51821	11690
	51822	11870
	51823	15095
	51824	11685
	51825	11686
	51826	11871
	51827	11688
	51828	11695
	51829	11202
	51830	15088
	51831	11689
	51832	11691
	51833	11872
	51834	11170
	51835	11638
	51836	09270
	51839	11700
	51840	15090
	51841	15098
	51842	11702
	51843	11703
	51844	09275
	51845	11548

<u>Operating country</u>	<u>WMO Identifier/call sign</u>	<u>Argos Identifier</u>
United States of America (continued)	51846	11692
	51847	11706
	51849	15097
	51850	11662
	51853	11694
	51855	11705
	51856	15082
	51857	11667
	51858	11668
	51861	15099
	51862	11670
	51863	11564
	51865	11623
	51866	11664
	51867	11666
	51868	11669
	51869	11674
	51870	11679
	51871	11693
	51872	11696
	51873	11699
	51874	11701
	51875	11704
	51876	11683
	51877	15073
	51878	15072
	51879	15074
	51880	15078
	51881	15080
	51882	15081
	51883	15083
	51884	15084
	51885	15086
	52813	10835
	52827	10823
	52853	11624
	52854	11626
	52866	11887
	52867	11893
	52868	11876
	52872	11890
52875	11896	
52877	11883	
52878	11885	
53809	11886	
54829	06762	
54830	06763	
54831	06764	

<u>Operating country</u>	<u>WMO Identifier/call sign</u>	<u>Argos Identifier</u>
United States of America (continued)	54832+	06585
	54833+	06586
	54834+	06583
	54835	06731
	55802	08843
	55803	05136
	56827	09221
	56831	09217
	56832	09219
	62671	09847
	62672	09859
	64577+	04126
	64578+	04834
	64580+	12444
	65505+	04632

ATLAS buoys (transmitting again on GTS since 14 February 1991)

<u>WMO Identifier/call sign</u>	<u>Argos Identifier</u>
32315	06379
32316	06370
32317	06519
32318	06371
51006	06521
51007	06475
51008	06518
51009	06461
51010	06369
52001	06799
52003	12522
52004	12523
52006	12525
52301	06381

+ PTT's which were removed from the GTS during the 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 WWW 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.

D. Information on operational status of space sub-system

GOES Status Report - (Updated 01 March 1991)

GOES-7:

(Prime) operational. Position: 107.7°W, inclination: .05°.

Currently supports GOES-East operations, simultaneous East WEFAX broadcast, SEM, VAS operations and East DCPR operations. East WEFAX broadcast schedule is contained in the 10:55 UTC WEFAX transmission. VAS operations are conducted near-continuously, with data retransmitted in mode AAA format. Multi-Spectral Images start at 01 and 31 minutes past each hour and soundings are conducted between MSI's. Spring eclipse 26 February 1991-12 April 1991. No WEFAX broadcast during eclipse.

Polar Orbiting Status Report - (Updated 01 March 1991)

NOAA-D: Is scheduled for launch 14 May 1991, at approximately 15:52 UTC and will cross the equator in a descending mode at 19:30 (Local Time)

NOAA-10: (Operational) launched 17 September 1986, morning descending, 1564 days operational, AVHRR (HRPT, APT), DCS, MSU, SAR, SEM. ERBE scanner failed 22 May 1989. SAR processor UHF RCVR failed 08 September 1988, AVHRR scan motor has high jitter. DTR-1B designated safestate DTR, not used for daily OPS.

NOAA-11: (Operational) launched 24 September 1988, afternoon ascending, 843 days operational, AVHRR (HRPT, APT), SSU, DCS, SBUV, SAR. ROLL(Y) GYRO failed 19 September 1989. DTR-5A and 5B have malfunctioned and are not being used. DTR-1B designated safestate DTR is used for daily OPS. NOAA-11 is still experiencing difficulty in the Inertial Measurement Unit (IMU). When an IMU switch periodically occurs, new GYRO software is activated. IMU switching can cause yaw errors up to 1 degree that can remain for 4 revolutions.

	HRPT	APT	BCN
NOAA-9	1707(HSB)	137.62(VTX2)	137.77(BTX2)
NOAA-10	1698(LSB)	137.50(VTX1)	136.77(BTX1)
NOAA-11	1707(HSB)	137.62(VTX2)	137.77(BTX2)

FY-1B: Is experiencing an attitude control problem. The extent of the problem was not detailed at this time. SMA is working to correct the problem. If and when the problem is corrected, broadcast of HRPT and APT will resume. The HRPT Frequency was changed to 1704.5 to avoid interference with METEOSAT 'PDUS' stations. This change was made on 12 February 1991.

Summary of USSR Meteorological satellite activity

Meteor 2-20 is currently the only active USSR Meteorological satellite. It is available in the early afternoon with south to north passes available. Latest orbital prediction available on Tuesdays and Fridays in WMO FANAS messages transmitted on GTS.

METEOSAT - (Latest Operational News 01/9)

METEOSAT-5 was successfully launched at 23:36 UTC on 02 March 1991.

Apogee boost motor firing took place at 13:30 UTC on 04 March 1991.

Separation was nominal and Meteosat was placed into a good geostationary orbit, at 30 degrees west, drifting east at 2.8 degrees per day, and with all systems which have so far been tested in nominal condition. Commissioning has now started. Latest news (06 March 08:00 UTC) is that everything is going well. Completion of commissioning with respect to communication missions is expected by 18 March.

Feed-back from Members to the Secretariat on any changes in the observing network
 (explanatory notes overleaf)

Global Exchange/Regional Exchange (delete as appropriate)

Country: _____

Station index number	Bulletin identification TTAAii CCCC	Implementation of observing programme							Alternate observing station	Remarks
		00	03	06	09	12	15	18			21
1. SYNOP										
2. TEMP										
3. PILOT										

Explanatory notes for Feed-back from Members to the Secretariat on any changes in the observing network

1. Separate tables should be prepared for global exchange and regional exchange respectively. These tables should contain information concerning any changes of the present state of implementation of observing programmes of SYNOP, TEMP and PILOT reporting stations given in Attachment I-4 of the Manual on the GTS, Volume I for global exchange and, as applicable, Attachments AF-I, AI-1, SA-1, NA-1, PS-1 and EU-1 of the Manual on the GTS, Volume II for regional exchange.
2. For entries in these tables, the following should be taken into account:
 - (a) In the column "Station index number", the index number (Iliii) of each station should be entered in case of any changes in the observing programmes of the stations;
 - (b) In the column "Bulletin identification", the TTAAii CCCC of the abbreviated heading of the meteorological bulletins which contains reports from the station should be inserted;
 - (c) In the column "Implementation of observing programme", "X" for implementation and "-" for non-implementation should be inserted as appropriate. In order to easily identify changes in the programme, this should be marked in red;
 - (d) In the column "Alternate observing station", the index number (Ilii) of an alternate observing station should be inserted in case another station is available with a view to filling gaps which are caused by suspension of observing programmes of the original station;
 - (e) The required information concerning the observing programme of the alternate station should be inserted in the next horizontal line of the original station;
 - (f) In the column "Remarks", reasons of temporary suspension of observing programmes and an expected date of resumption of the programmes should be given as far as possible. Non-standard collection and/or distribution times should also be included.
3. These tables should be sent to the Secretariat before the 1st of the month for inclusion of the changes in the monthly operational letter, as appropriate.

Annex II - Global Data-processing System

Date: March 1991

B. Information on the operational status of GDPS including changes to WMO Publication No. 9, Volume B

5. List of radiosonde stations for verification of NWP

ASIA (25°N-65°N, 60°E-145°E)

23552	47138	54102
23884	47158	54135
23921	47185	54161
23933	47401	54218
23955	47412	54292
24507	47580	54342
24688	47582	54374
24817	47590	54497
24908	47600	54511
24959	47646	54662
28275	47678	54823
28440	47681	54857
28698	47744	55299
29231	47778	56029
29282	47807	56080
29574	47827	56137
29612	47909	56146
29634	47936	56294
29698	47945	56571
30230	47971	56691
30554	50527	56739
30692	50557	56778
30715	50774	57036
30758	50953	57083
30935	51076	57127
30965	51463	57178
31004	51644	57447
31300	51709	57461
31329	51777	57494
31735	51828	57516
31873	51848	57679
31909	52203	57749
31960	52267	57816
32061	52323	57957
32150	52418	57972
35394	52533	57993
35746	52681	58027
35796	52818	58150
36177	52836	58203
36870	52866	58238

ASIA (25°N-65°N, 60°E-145°E)

38062	52889	58367
38341	53068	58424
38457	53463	58457
38613	53513	58606
38687	53614	58633
38836	53772	58666
44212	53845	58725
47041	53915	58847
		58968

NORTH AMERICA (25°N-60°N, 145°W-50°W)

70361	72250	72520
70398	72251	72528
71109	72260	72532
71115	72261	72553
71119	72265	72562
71600	72270	72572
71722	72274	72576
71801	72293	72583
71811	72304	72597
71815	72311	72606
71816	72317	72637
71823	72327	72645
71836	72340	72654
71848	72349	72655
71867	72363	72662
71896	72365	72681
71906	72374	72694
71907	72387	72712
71913	72393	72734
71934	72402	72747
71945	72403	72764
72201	72407	72768
72203	72425	72775
72208	72429	72785
72210	72435	72797
72213	72451	74494
72220	72456	74794
72229	72469	76225
72233	72476	76394
72235	72486	78016
72240	72493	78073
72247	72518	

AUSTRALIA/NEW ZEALAND (55°S-10°S, 90°E-180°E)

91557	94380	94711
91592	94403	94750
91680	94461	94776
93012	94510	94802
93417	94527	94821
93844	94578	94865
93944	94610	94910
94120	94637	94975
94150	94638	94995
94203	94646	94996
94294	94659	94998
94299	94672	96996
94302		
94312		
94326		
94332		

EUROPE (25°N-70°N, 10°W-28°E)

01152	07180	12425
01241	07481	12843
01384	07510	12982
01415	07645	13130
02185	07761	13275
02365	08001	15120
02527	08023	15614
02591	08221	16044
02836	08301	16080
02935	08430	16144
02963	08495	16245
03005	08579	16320
03026	09184	16429
03170	09393	16560
03322	09486	16754
03496	09548	26038
03774	10035	26258
03808	10338	26629
03920	10384	26850
03953	10410	33008
06011	10739	33631
06181	10868	60390
06260	11035	60715
06447	11520	62010
06476	11952	
06610	12120	
07110	12330	
07145	12374	

TROPICS (20°S-20°N)

08594
41344
48648
48698

59981
61052
61223
61291

61641
61901
61902
61967

61976
63450
63741
63894

63985
64500
64910
65578

67083
67237
67341
67964

76679
78526
78641
78762

78806
78970
78988
80222

80241
82193
82332
82400

84628
85201
91217
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91285
91334
91348
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91376
91408
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91610
91643
91680
91765

91801
91843
91925
91938

91941
91943
91944
94035

94120
94203
94299
96163

96315
96935
96996
97560

98327

Annex III - Global Telecommunication System

Date: March 1991

A. GTS regulatory or guidance material

3. Amendments to the Manual on the Global Telecommunication System

Recommendations adopted by CBS Ext. (90)

At its extraordinary session (London, 24 September - 5 October 1990), CBS adopted three recommendations for amendment to the Manual on the GTS. Volume I, Parts I, II and III respectively. These recommendations will be submitted to EC.

The recommendation relating to Part I, with effect from 1 September 1991, includes a revision of paragraphs 1 to 3. It also includes provisions for the global exchange of Parts A, B, C and D of TEMP, PILOT, TEMP SHIP, PILOT SHIP, TEMP MOBIL and PILOT MOBIL, as well as new procedures for the annual global monitoring (see also WMO letter W/SY/T.9 (PR. 4569) dated 15 January 1991).

The recommendations relating to Part II and III, with effect from 1 November 1991, include provisions to delete the groups CLLL and CFFF from the starting line of the meteorological messages. They also include amendments to the allocation of abbreviated headings, in particular to the tables A, B1, B2, C3, C5 and D, and provisions to add new tables relating to messages in bit-oriented code forms. The other amendments are related to the introduction of virtual calls (VC) services in the network layer and of a limit of length of 15000 octets for messages in bit-oriented code forms, to the detection and cancellation of duplicated messages, to the use of groups GGgg and ii of the abbreviated heading, and to the use of CCITT group 4 standard for coded digital fax.

The final report of CBS - Ext (90) will soon be available from the WMO Secretariat.

C. Information on the operation of the GTS

2 Transmission schedules (Publication No. 9, Volume C, Chapter II)

2.3 Changes in schedules/technical specifications

VI-iii Notification from RTH Offenbach that: OFFENBACH/MAIN-MAINFLINGEN, Programme 1 (DCF54) Radio-facsimile broadcast effective 11 March 1991 changes as follows:

Charts No. 8 at 0340 UTC and No. 54 at 1637 UTC, column 8:

- Insert after 'vertical motion': '(GM)'

Charts No. 9 at 0349 UTC, No. 15 at 0517 UTC and No. 57 at 1717 UTC, column 8:

- Replace: 'BKF' by 'GM'

Chart No. 12 at 0440 UTC, column 8:

- Insert after H+24, 'H+36'

- Change 950 hPa to '1000 hPa'

- Add after 700 hPa 'Resp OMEGA 700 hPa'

- Add after 850 hPa '(GM)'

Chart No. 24 at 0741 UTC, column 8 read as follows:

(H+12, H+36, H+60) (EM), H+84 (GM)

500 hPa H+T, Surface P,

850 hPa T, 700 hPa F

Chart No. 25 at 0801 UTC, column 8 read in last line:

- (H+24, H+48, H+72) (EM)

Charts No. 31 at 0933 UTC and No. 72 at 2241 UTC, column 8:
- Replace: 'BKN' by 'EM'

Chart No. 36 at 1050 UTC, column 8:
- Insert '(GM)' after 300 hPa

Chart No. 55 at 1646 UTC, column 8:
- Insert after H+24, 'H+36'
- Change 950 hPa to '1000 hPa'
- Add after 700 hPa 'Resp. OMEGA 700 hPa'
- Add after 850 hPa '(GM)'

Charts No. 58 at 1728 UTC, No. 59 at 1748 UTC and No. 64 at 1901 UTC, in column 8:
- Insert after hPa '(EM)'

Chart No. 66 at 1941 UTC, column 8 read as follows:
(H+24, H+48, H+72) (EM), H+96 (GM)
500 hPa H+T, Surface P, 850 hPa T,
700 hPa F

Under 'Note'

- Change the following:

- 1) In case of non-receipt of METEOSAT-IMAGES for the scheduled time, they will be replaced by other images as close to that time as possible.
- 5) Hatching by crosses: -2 to -12 hPa per hour
Hatching by slashes: less than -12 hPa per hour
- 12) Change (Chart No. 35) to (Chart No. 31).

- Delete the abbreviations 'BKF' and 'BKN' with all instructions

6 Coastal Radio Stations (Publication no. 9, Volume D, Part B)

6.3 Changes to existing stations

Notification from Australia that:

- 1) - The INMARSAT CES at Perth providing communication through the Indian Ocean satellite has been commissioned.
- The facilities of the two CESs at Perth will be fully implemented in April 1991.
- 2) Australia began transmission of high seas forecasts and warnings by INMARSAT enhanced group calling over the Pacific Ocean satellite on 18 February 1991. All high seas areas are addressed to NAVAREA X, warnings are addressed to the circular areas covering at least 180 nautical miles around the warning area. Broadcasts of high seas forecasts and warnings for the western area via the Indian Ocean satellite are expected to start in April 1991.
- 3) From 1 August 1991 there will be a large reduction in the number of coast radio stations providing meteorological broadcasts in Australia.
- 4) Ocean forecasts will not be issued after 1 August 1991.

Annex V - Marine Meteorological Services (MMS) and related oceanographic activities

Date: March 1991

C. Information on the operation of Marine Meteorological Services

1. Broadcasts for shipping and other marine activities (Publication No. 9, Volume D, Part A)

1.3 Changes in schedules/technical specifications

Aii-VI Notification from RTH Offenbach that: OFFENBACH (MAIN)-HAMBURG/PINNEBERG (DDH3/DDK3/DDK6) Radio-facsimile broadcast for shipping effective 11 March 1991 changes as follows:

Chart 97901 at 0600 UTC and 97903 at 1758 UTC, in column 8:
- Replace: 'BKF' by 'GM'

Charts 97902 at 0933 UTC and 97904 at 2241 UTC, in column 8:
- Replace: 'BKN' by 'EM'

Chart 97964 replace transmission time 0651 by 0810 UTC, and in column 8:
- Amend to read as follows:
(H+96, H+120, H+144, H+168)
500 hPa H+T, Surface P,
850 hPa T, 700 hPa F (GM)

Charts 97962 at 0611 UTC, 97882 at 0631 UTC, 97884 at 1830 UTC and 97966 at 1941 UTC, in column 8:

- Replace: 'BKF' by 'EM'

Delete under 'Note' the abbreviations 'BKF' and 'BKN' with all instructions.



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Annexes: 3

GENEVA, 30 April 1991

Subject : Monthly letter on the operation of the World Weather Watch (WWW) and Marine Meteorological Services (MMS) April 1991

Action required : To be noted and brought to the attention of appropriate operational units

Dear Sir/Madam,

As you are aware, all the information on changes to the operation of the World Weather Watch (WWW) and Marine Meteorological Services (MMS) is being assembled and distributed by the Secretariat on a monthly basis to facilitate updating and follow-up action.

In this connection, please find attached the annexes providing the latest operational information on WWW and MMS. Those items and sub-items for which information is provided are listed below:

Annex I - Global Observing System

C. Information on operational status of elements of the surface-based sub-system

1. Publication No. 9, Volume A - Stations

- 1.1 New stations
- 1.2 Deleted stations
- 1.3 Changes to existing stations
- 1.5 Temporary changes

2. WMO Catalogue of Radiosondes in use by Members

To: Permanent Representatives (or Directors of Meteorological or Hydro-meteorological Services) of Members of WMO (PR-4619)
 Directors of Meteorological Services of non-Member countries (MC-2446)
 Presidents and Vice-Presidents of Regional Associations (P.RA-1269)
 Presidents and Vice-Presidents of Technical Commissions (P.TC-1387)
 Chairmen of CBS Working Groups
 Secretary-General of ICAO
 Director-General of IATA
 Secretary of IOC
 Director-General of ASECNA
 Director of ECMWF

4. Automatic marine stations
5. ARGOS
 - 5.1 ARGOS monthly status report
6. Feed-back from Members to the Secretariat on any changes in the observing network

D. Information on operational status of space sub-system

Annex IV - Codes

B. Manual on codes

3. National practices

3.3 Changes to codes

Annex V - Marine Meteorological Services (MMS) and related oceanographic activities

C. Information on the operation of Marine Meteorological Services

1. Broadcasts for shipping and other marine activities (Publication No. 9, Volume D, Part A)

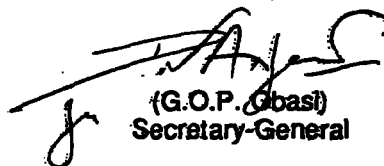
1.3 Changes in schedules/technical specifications

2. Marine meteorological services available for main ports (Publication No.9, Volume D, Part C-1)

The CBS Advisory Working Group recommended that a special table should be added to the monthly letter to report changes of the present status of implementation of observing programmes of SYNOP, TEMP and PILOT reporting stations. You will note, therefore, that a new item, number 6, "Feed-back from Members to the Secretariat on any changes in the observing network" has been added to Annex I - Global Observing System.

Your co-operation in ensuring that the above information reaches the appropriate operational units of your service is greatly appreciated. If you wish to receive additional copies of the monthly circular letter, please inform the Secretariat accordingly.

Yours faithfully,


(G.O.P. Coast)
Secretary-General

Annex I - Global Observing System

Date: April 1991

C. Information on operational status of elements of the surface-based sub-system

1. Publication No. 9. Volume A - Stations

1.1 New Stations

06142 ALBUEN 54°50'N 10°58'E - 6 X X X X X X X X /

1.2 Deleted stations

06139 KELDSNOR

1.3 Changes to existing stations

02432 OREBRO FLYGPLATS . . X X X X /

1.5 Temporary changes

Notification from Argentina that 1200 UTC radiosonde/radiowind observations at station 87155 RESISTENCIA AERO have been resumed as from 25 March 1991.

2. WMO Catalogue of Radiosondes in use by Members

Notification from Australia that :

- (a) The following radiosonde stations changed to using PC-CORA radiosonde ground equipment. Data are computed at 3 hPa. Solar radiation corrections are applied. VAISALA RS-80 radiosondes will continue to be used:

94527 MOREE on 15 April 1991 at 2300 UTC
94646 FORREST AIRPORT on 27 March 1991 at 2300 UTC
94659 WOOMERA METEOROLOGICAL OFFICE on 19 March 1991 at 2300 UTC
94672 ADELAIDE AIRPORT on 17 April 1991 at 2300 UTC
94975 HOBART AIRPORT on 2 March 1991 at 2300 UTC

- (b) The following radiosonde stations changed to using PC-CORA radiosonde ground equipment. VAISALA RS-80 radiosondes will continue to be used:

94332 MT ISA AIRPORT ON 28 March 1991 at 2300 UTC
94578 BRISBANE AIRPORT on 29 March 1991 at 2300 UTC
94610 PERTH AIRPORT on 22 March 1991 at 2300 UTC
94637 KALGOORLIE AIRPORT on 10 April 1991 at 1100 UTC
94638 ESPERANCE on 19 March 1991 at 2300 UTC
94711 COBAR on 2 April 1991 at 2300 UTC
94776 WILLIAMTOWN AERODROME on 22 March 1991 at 2300 UTC
94802 ALBANY AIRPORT on 25 March 1991 at 2300 UTC

Notification from New Zealand that as from 8 April 1991 at 1200 UTC station 93844 INVERCARGILL AERODROME changed from manual processing of radiosonde observations to the VAISALA PC-CORA system. VAISALA RS-80-15 radiosondes will continue to be used.

Moored Buoys (Great Lakes):

WMO buoy Identifier	Position 19 March 1991		Observed or technical parameters							
			1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
45132	42°06'N	083°00'W	X	X	X	X	X	X	.	X
45135	44°42'N	076°48'W	X	X	X	X	X	X	.	X
45137	45°20'N	080°02'W	X	X	X	X	.	.	.	X
45139	43°12'N	079°30'W	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X

Drifting Buoys (North-east Pacific Ocean):

WMO buoy Identifier	Argos Identifier	Position 19 March 1991		Observed or technical parameters							
				1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
46632	12511	44°05'N	141°50'W	.	X	X	.	X	.	.	.
46681	07135	49°49'N	157°29'W	.	X	X	.	X	.	.	.
46684	07137	43°24'N	163°49'W	.	X	X	.	X	.	.	.
46687	07138	37°26'N	134°33'W	.	X	X	.	X	.	.	.
46693	07140	37°23'N	143°00'W	.	X	X	.	X	.	.	.
46694	07141	25°37'N	149°38'W	.	X	X	.	X	.	.	.
46695	07142	26°23'N	150°04'W	.	X	X	.	X	.	.	.
46703	06269	51°33'N	136°53'W	.	X	X	.	X	.	.	.
46704	07128	46°30'N	144°47'W	.	X	X	.	X	.	.	.
46705	07129	50°03'N	142°55'W	.	X	X	.	X	.	.	.
46706	07130	41°53'N	131°27'W	.	X	X	.	X	.	.	.
46707	07131	26°31'N	142°38'W	.	X	X	.	X	.	.	.

Drifting Buoys (Arctic Icepack):

WMO buoy Identifier	Argos Identifier	Position 25 February 1991		Observed or technical parameters							
				1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
48523	01107	74°39'N	135°58'W	.	X	X	X	.	.	.	.

United States of America

List of U.S.A. Ocean Data Acquisition System (ODAS) included in the April 1991 Data Platform Status Report of the Data Buoy Centre of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA). Data from moored buoys and platforms are collected by geostationary meteorological satellites and reports are distributed on the GTS in SHIP code. Data from drifting buoys are collected by the Argos system and distributed on the GTS in DRIBU code.

Legend

Column	Observed or technical parameters
1	Wind direction and speed
2	Air temperature
3	Pressure
4	Pressure tendency
5	Sea-surface temperature
6	Wave period and height
7	Wave spectra
8	Drogued

Moored Buoys:

WMO buoy Identifier	Position 11-18 April 1991		Observed or technical parameters						
			1	2	3	4	5	6	7
32302	18°00'S	85°06'W	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
41001**	34°54'N	73°00'W	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
41002**	32°18'N	75°12'W	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
41006**	29°18'N	77°24'W	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
41008	30°42'N	81°06'W	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
41009	28°30'N	80°12'W	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
41010	28°54'N	78°30'W	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
42001**	25°54'N	89°42'W	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
42002**	25°54'N	93°36'W	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
42003**	25°54'N	85°54'W	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
42007	30°06'N	88°48'W	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
42019	27°54'N	95°00'W	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
42020	27°00'N	96°30'W	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
44004**	38°30'N	70°36'W	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
44005**	42°42'N	68°36'W	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
44007**	43°30'N	70°06'W	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
44008**	40°30'N	69°24'W	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
44009**	38°24'N	74°42'W	*	X	X	X	X	X	X
44011**	41°06'N	66°36'W	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
44012**	38°48'N	74°36'W	X	X	*	X	X	X	X
44013**	42°24'N	70°48'W	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
44014	36°36'N	74°48'W	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
45001**	48°00'N	87°42'W	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
45002**	45°18'N	86°24'W	*	X	X	X	X	X	X
45003**	45°18'N	82°42'W	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
45004**	47°30'N	86°30'W	*	*	*	*	X	X	X
45005**	41°42'N	82°24'W	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
45006**	47°18'N	89°54'W	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
45007**	42°48'N	87°06'W	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
45008**	44°18'N	82°24'W	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
46001**	56°18'N	148°18'W	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
46002**	42°30'N	130°24'W	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
46003**	51°54'N	155°54'W	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
46005**	46°06'N	131°00'W	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
46006**	40°48'N	137°42'W	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
46010**	46°12'N	124°12'W	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
46011	34°54'N	120°54'W	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
46012	37°24'N	122°42'W	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
46013	38°12'N	123°18'W	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
46014	39°12'N	124°00'W	X	X	X	X	X	X	X

** Primarily for National Weather Service (NWS) support; however, all stations report data to NWS

* Sensor/system failure

Moored Buoys (continued):

WMO buoy Identifier	Position 11-18 April 1991		Observed or technical parameters						
			1	2	3	4	5	6	7
46022	40°42'N	124°30'W	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
46023	34°18'N	120°42'W	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
46025	33°42'N	119°06'W	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
46026**	37°42'N	122°42'W	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
46027**	41°48'N	124°24'W	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
46028	35°48'N	121°54'W	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
46030	40°24'N	124°30'W	X	X	X	X	*	X	X
46035	57°00'N	177°42'W	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
46040	44°48'N	124°18'W	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
46041	47°24'N	124°30'W	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
46042	36°48'N	122°24'W	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
46045	33°48'N	118°24'W	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
51001**	23°24'N	162°18'W	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
51002**	17°12'N	157°48'W	X	X	X	X	*	X	X
51003**	19°12'N	160°48'W	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
51004**	17°30'N	152°30'W	X	X	X	X	X	X	X

Drifting Buoys:

WMO buoy Identifier	Argos Identifier	Position 17/18 April 1991		Observed or technical parameters							
				1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
14803	08844	29°S	033°E	.	X	X	.	X	.	.	.
14804	08845	25°S	052°E	.	X	X	.	X	.	.	.
16807	05133	51°S	010°W	.	X	X	.	X	.	.	.
17803	05571	40°S	091°E	X	*	X	.	.	.	.	X
17804	12300	38°S	087°E	.	*	X	.	X	.	.	.
17805	12304	32°S	077°E	.	*	X	.	X	.	.	.
17806	12306	39°S	003°W	.	X	X	.	X	.	.	.
17809	05125	44°S	009°W	.	X	X	.	X	.	.	.
17810	05126	40°S	002°E	.	X	X	.	X	.	.	.
17825	05129	45°S	001°E	.	X	X	.	X	.	.	.
33301	12310	56°S	028°W	.	X	X	.	.	.	.	.
33509	12307	44°S	044°W	.	X	X	.	X	.	.	.
33510	12308	47°S	006°E	.	X	X	.	X	.	.	.
33826	12296	60°S	034°E	.	X	X	.	X	.	.	.
33827	12297	49°S	061°E	.	X	X	.	X	.	.	.
33828	12298	44°S	050°E	.	X	X	.	X	.	.	.
33830	12305	43°S	034°E	.	X	X	.	.	.	.	.
54829	06762	40°S	160°W	.	*	X	.	X	.	.	.
54830	06763	44°S	114°W	.	*	X	.	X	.	.	.
54831	06764	46°S	111°W	.	X	X	.	X	.	.	.

* Sensor/system failure.

** Primarily for National Weather Service (NWS) support; however, all stations report data to NWS.

Drifting Buoys (continued):

WMO buoy Identifier	Argos Identifier	Position 17/18 April 1991		Observed or technical parameters							
				1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
54832	06585	42°S	164°W	X	X	X	.	X	.	.	X
54833	06586	44°S	145°W	X	X	X	.	.	.	.	X
54834	06583	37°S	154°W	X	X	X	.	X	.	.	X
54835	06731	39°S	157°W	.	X	X	.	X	.	.	.
54836	05128	34°S	170°W	.	X	X	.	X	.	.	.
54837	05135	31°S	158°W	.	X	X	.	X	.	.	.
54838	08823	45°S	169°W	.	X	X	.	X	.	.	.
54839	12312	43°S	160°W	.	X	X	.	X	.	.	.
54840	05120	51°S	177°W	.	X	X	.	X	.	.	.
54841	05121	54°S	167°W	.	X	X	.	X	.	.	.
54842	05122	47°S	170°W	.	X	X	.	X	.	.	.
54843	05134	49°S	157°W	.	X	X	.	X	.	.	.
55802	08843	26°S	052°E	.	X	X	.	X	.	.	.
55803	05136	61°S	164°W	.	X	X	.	X	.	.	.
56827	09221	61°S	159°E	.	*	X	.	*	.	.	.
56832	09219	13°S	107°E	.	X	X	.	X	.	.	.

- Sensor/system failure

5. ARGOS service

5.1 ARGOS monthly status report

As at 4 April 1991 the Argos service was handling reports from 615 drifting buoys, 130 moored buoys, 6 balloons, 35 ships, 148 animal trackings, 413 fixed stations, 195 boats and 40 miscellaneous platforms. DRIBU reports from 85 drifting buoys and BATHY reports from 27 selected ships were transmitted to the RTH Paris and DRIBU reports from 227 drifting buoys were transmitted to the WMC Washington for insertion into the GTS. The list of platforms reporting through Argos and distributed over the GTS follows:

<u>Operating country</u>	<u>WMO Identifier/call sign</u>	<u>Argos Identifier</u>
Australia	55511	00418
	56001	04873
	56501	02934
	56502	02936
	56503	08035
	56504	08036
	56505	08037
	56546	02951
	56547	04870
	56548	04871
	56549	04872
	62559+	12059

+ PTFs which were removed from GTS during the month

<u>Operating country</u>	<u>WMO Identifier/call sign</u>	<u>Argos Identifier</u>	
Australia (continued)	62562+	12028	
	65569+	12010	
	62575+	12038	
	62580+	12006	
	62581+	12011	
	62582+	12015	
	62587+	12036	
	62588+	12041	
	62590+	12054	
	9VBZ*	09195	
	9VUU*	09190	
	9VWM*	09187	
	GYRW*	09197	
	GYS A*	09189	
	S6FK*	09193	
	VJBQ*	09196	
	VJDP*	09198	
	Canada	21551	01314
		21552	01315
		21553	01316
44631		02376	
44632		05437	
44634		02377	
44635		08666	
44754		01055	
44755		03319	
44756		03320	
44757		04762	
44758		08648	
46644		01198	
46645		01199	
46646		01310	
46649		01313	
46650		01424	
46655		01429	
46656		08090	
46657		08093	
47531		05218	
47542		05217	
47559		04004	

+ PTT's which were removed from GTS during the month

• PTT's transmitting at irregular intervals

<u>Operating country</u>	<u>WMO Identifier/call sign</u>	<u>Argos Identifier</u>
France	13531	05832
	44610	10102
	62503	05790
	62513	05829
	62516	05833
	62518	10104
	64516	05796
	64606	03711
	3EED*	04725
	A3BZ*	04709
	C6HL*	04705
	DIDA*	08742
	ELIS*	04716
	FH62*	04727
	FITA*	04723
	FNCZ*	08744
	FNGS*	04707
	FNJT*	04722
	FNOM*	04701
	FNPA*	04706
	FNQB*	04726
	FNZP*	04719
	FNZQ*	04703
	FPYO*	04729
	GTIA*	04712
	HPEW*	04720
	ZDBE*	04718
Germany	71528	03315
	71543	08055
	71545	09353
	71546	09354
	71548	09360
Japan	52060	08718
	62551	12001
	62552	12020
	62553	12025
	62554	12035
	62555	12039
	62556	12042
62557	12048	

+ PTT's which were removed from GTS during the month

* PTT's transmitting at irregular intervals.

<u>Operating country</u>	<u>WMO Identifier/call sign</u>	<u>Argos Identifier</u>
Japan (continued)	62558	12056
	62560	12002
	62561	12018
	62563	12031
	62564	12045
	62565	12047
	62566	12050
	62567	12004
	62568	12005
	62570	12022
	62571	12024
	62572	12030
	62573	12033
	62574	12037
	62576	12040
	62577	12046
	62578	12049
	62579	12053
	62583	12007
	62584	12023
62585	12027	
62586	12029	
New Zealand	55579	06435
	55582	07175
	55583	07179
	55584	07178
	55585	07177
Norway	17001	01591
	17003	01758
	62694	03670
	63002	09407
	65591	06666
	74001	09405
South Africa**	17524	09099
	17527	09087
	17528	08260
	17529	09088
	17533	09091
	33021	09085

** 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.

<u>Operating country</u>	<u>WMO Identifier/call sign</u>	<u>Argos Identifier</u>
United Kingdom	62608	03919
	62803	06299
	62804	06305
	62805	06285
United States of America	12847+	11191
	14803	08844
	14804	08845
	16807	05133
	16808	05127
	17803+	05571
	17804	12300
	17805	12304
	17806	12306
	17809	05125
	17810	05126
	17825	05129
	25537	12805
	31502	09844
	32317+	06519
	32513	11910
	32514	10836
	32515	11898
	32517	15093
	32518	15091
	32522	10808
	32523	10809
	32525	11192
	32528	10820
	32529	11194
	32531	10812
	32532	11897
	32535+	11907
	32537	10839
	32538	11172
	32540	11904
	32541+	11656
32543	11015	
32544	11908	
32545	10849	
32546	11160	
32549	11163	
32550	11894	
32552	11195	
32553	10841	

<u>Operating country</u>	<u>WMO Identifier/call sign</u>	<u>Argos Identifier</u>
United States of America (continued)	32554	10840
	32558	09276
	32560	11572
	32814+	07491
	33301	12310
	33509	12307
	33510	12308
	33826	12296
	33827	12297
	33828	12298
	33830	12305
	41012+	01602
	41014+	01606
	41511	09846
	41513	09853
	42525+	07494
	43502	11168
	43504	11198
	43508	11171
	43510	11628
	43801	06898
	44016+	01605
	44017+	01604
	44020+	01609
	44021+	01608
	44504+	04561
	44505+	09878
	44510+	04530
	44518	09841
	44520	09856
	44521	12753
	44523	12772
	44528	12768
	44530	12770
	44534	12771
	44538	12762
	44541	12763
	44542	12764
	44543	12765
	44544	12766
	44545	12767
	44551	12453
	46510	12672
	46511	12690
	46512	12691
	46514	12693
	47601	12785
	47603	12809

+ PTT's which were removed from the GTS during the month.

<u>Operating country</u>	<u>WMO Identifier/call sign</u>	<u>Argos Identifier</u>
United States of America (continued)	48518	12800
	48519	12783
	48520	12801
	48554	12802
	48555	12806
	48556	12807
	48557	12808
	51006+	06521
	51007+	06475
	51008+	06518
	51014+	06571
	51510	11671
	51511	06883
	51512	15089
	51513	11663
	51514	11675
	51515	11678
	51516	09274
	51517	11676
	51518	15077
	51519	11646
	51520	11653
	51801	11197
	51802	11650
	51803	11912
	51804	15092
	51806	09279
	51807	15094
	51808	15085
	51809+	11199
	51810	15087
	51811	11644
	51812	15079
	51813	11569
	51814	11682
	51816	11620
	51817	11655
	51818	11630
	51819	11645
	51820	11687
	51821	11690
	51822	11870
	51823	15095
51824	11685	
51825	11686	
51826	11871	
51827	11688	
51828	11695	

+ PTT's which were removed from the GTS during the month.

<u>Operating country</u>	<u>WMO Identifier/call sign</u>	<u>Argos Identifier</u>
United States of America (continued)	51829	11202
	51830	15088
	51831	11689
	51832	11691
	51833	11872
	51834	11170
	51835	09271
	51836	09270
	51837	15096
	51839	11700
	51840	15090
	51841	15098
	51842	11702
	51843	11703
	51844	09275
	51846	11692
	51847	11706
	51849	15097
	51850	11662
	51853	11694
	51855	11705
	51856	15082
	51857	11667
	51858	11668
	51861	15099
	51862	11670
	51863	11564
	51865	11623
	51866	11664
	51867	11666
	51868	11669
	51869	11674
	51870	11679
	51871	11693
	51872	11696
	51873	11699
	51874	11701
	51875	11704
	51876	11683
	51877	15073
	51878	15072
	51879	15074
	51880	15078
	51881	15080
	51882	15081
	51883	15083
	51884	15084
	51885	15086

<u>Operating country</u>	<u>WMO Identifier/call sign</u>	<u>Argos Identifier</u>
United States of America (continued)	52001+	06799
	52003+	12522
	52004+	12523
	52006+	12525
	52051	09272
	52052	09278
	52301+	06381
	52302+	06460
	52528	12499
	52813	10835
	52827	10823
	52847	11191
	52853	11624
	52854	11626
	52866	11887
	52867	11893
	52868	11876
	52872	11890
	52875	11896
	52877	11883
	52878	11885
	53502	12498
	53809	11886
	54829	06762
	54830	06763
	54831	06764
	54832+	06585
	54833+	06586
	54834+	06583
	54835	06731
	54836	05128
	54837	05135
	54838	08823
	54839	12312
	55802	08843
	55803	05136
	56827	09221
	56831+	09217
	56832	09219
	62672	09859
	64581	12804
	64589	12708
	65503	12803

ATLAS buoys (transmitting again on GTS)

<u>WMO Identifier/call sign</u>	<u>Argos Identifier</u>
32316	06370
32317	06519
32318	06371
51006	06521
51007	06475
51008	06518
51009	06461
51010	06375
51014	06517
52001	06799
52003	12522
52004	12523
52006	06521
52301	06514

ATLAS buoys (continued)

Whereas the data of the following ones (old-style electronics) have been distributed (some on an irregular basis):

<u>WMO Identifier/call sign</u>	<u>Argos Identifier</u>
17803	05571
41530	12688
42525	07494
54832	06585
54833	06586
54834	06583

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 WWW 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.

D. Information on operational status of space-based sub-system

GOES Status Report - (from 15 April 1991 to 21 April 1991

GOES-7:

Prime spacecraft (GOES-7)

(A) VAS operations, mode AAA, with MSI at 01 and 31 minutes past each hour with the following comment(s) exception(s):

1. MSI at 1820 UTC each Wednesday cancelled for visible channel calibration.
2. MSI at 1222 UTC each Sunday and Thursday cancelled for torque management.
3. Sun avoidance operations 10 April through to 17 April 1991.

(B) WEFAX broadcasts: simultaneous, see operational message broadcast at 1055 UTC for schedule.

Status of NOAA polar orbiting satellites

NOAA-D: Is scheduled for launch on 14 May 1991, at approximately 1552 UTC, and will cross the equator at 0730 (local time) descending. NOAA-D to become NOAA-12 will replace NOAA-10 as the operational morning descending spacecraft.

NOAA-10: (Operational), morning descending, AVHRR (HRPT, APT), DCS, MSU, SAR, SEM. ERBE scanner failed 22 May 1989. AVHRR scan motor has high jitter. DTR-1B designated safestate DTR, not used for daily operations.

NOAA-11: (Operational), afternoon ascending, AVHRR (HRPT, APT), SSU, DCS, SBUV, SAR. ROLL(Y) GYRO failed 19 September 1989. NOAA-11 is still experiencing difficulty in the Inertial Measurement Unit (IMU). When an IMU switch periodically occurs, new GYRO software is activated. IMU switching can cause yaw errors up to 1 degree that can remain for 4 revolutions.

	HRPT	APT	BCN
NOAA-9	1707(HSB)	137.62(VTX2)	137.77(BTX2)
NOAA-10	1698(LSB)	137.50(VTX1)	136.77(BTX1)
NOAA-11	1707(HSB)	137.62(VTX2)	137.77(BTX2)

Status of FY-1B

FY-1B: On 14 February 1991, a computer memory failure resulted in the un-commanded firing of the control jets. All nitrogen has apparently been depleted. FY-1B is rotating about the pitch axis at about 9 revolutions per minute. Some reduction in the initial rotation has been achieved from the magnetic and GYRO control systems. Solar power is still available and all instruments appear to be in good condition.

Status of U.S.S.R. satellites

METEOR 2-20 continues to transmit daytime visible mode imagery during south to north passes each morning. The synchronizing bars are missing from METEOR 2-20 imagery at this time. METEOR 3-3 now transmits visible mode imagery during daytime passes. In addition, IR imagery is available during night time passes. A single, short, 240 line per minute transmission was heard on 137.400 MHz recently, possible coming from OKEAN-2.

Status of EUMETSAT satellites

METEOSAT-5 was successfully launched at 2336 UTC on 02 March 1991. All spacecraft systems currently tested appear normal. The spacecraft is presently around 3 degrees West. Radiometer commissioning began on 3 April. The first visible image was taken at 1155 UTC on 3 April. Quality of images looks very good. The first IR and WV images were taken at 0830 UTC on 4 April. Although uncalibrated and with still varying detection temperature, quality of both images also appears very good. End of commissioning expected within two weeks.

METEOSAT-4 is the operational satellite at 0 degrees East/West and all missions are nominal.

Feed-back from Members to the Secretariat on any changes in the observing network
 (explanatory notes overleaf)

Global Exchange/Regional Exchange (delete as appropriate)

Country: _____

Station index number	Bulletin identification TTAAii CCCC	Implementation of observing programme							Alternate observing station	Remarks
		00	03	06	09	12	15	18			21
1. SYNOP										
2. TEMP										
3. PILOT										

Explanatory notes for Feed-back from Members to the Secretariat on any changes in the observing network

1. **Separate tables should be prepared for global exchange and regional exchange respectively. These tables should contain information concerning any changes of the present state of implementation of observing programmes of SYNOP, TEMP and PILOT reporting stations given in Attachment I-4 of the Manual on the GTS, Volume I for global exchange and, as applicable, Attachments AF-1, AI-1, SA-1, NA-1, PS-1 and EU-1 of the Manual on the GTS, Volume II for regional exchange.**

2. **For entries in these tables, the following should be taken into account:**
 - (a) **In the column "Station index number", the index number (Iliii) of each station should be entered in case of any changes in the observing programmes of the stations;**

 - (b) **In the column "Bulletin identification", the TTAAii CCCC of the abbreviated heading of the meteorological bulletins which contains reports from the station should be inserted;**

 - (c) **In the column "Implementation of observing programme", "X" for implementation and "-" for non-implementation should be inserted as appropriate. In order to easily identify changes in the programme, this should be marked in red;**

 - (d) **In the column "Alternate observing station", the index number (Iliii) of an alternate observing station should be inserted in case another station is available with a view to filling gaps which are caused by suspension of observing programmes of the original station;**

 - (e) **The required information concerning the observing programme of the alternate station should be inserted in the next horizontal line of the original station;**

 - (f) **In the column "Remarks", reasons of temporary suspension of observing programmes and an expected date of resumption of the programmes should be given as far as possible. Non-standard collection and/or distribution times should also be included.**

3. **These tables should be sent to the Secretariat before the 1st of the month for inclusion of the changes in the monthly operational letter, as appropriate.**

Annex IV - Codes

Date: April 1991

B. Manual on codes

3. National practices

3.3 Changes to codes

Volume II - National VI - Section H - Specifications of zone numbers of sub-areas/route segments, notified by Members, for which GAFOR will be notified

Code RF 6/02 GAFOR - General aviation forecast

GERMANY

The following pages to the 1987 edition of WMO Publication No. 306 Volume II - National VI - Section H - Specifications of zone numbers of sub-areas/route segments, notified by Members, for which GAFOR will be notified are to be changed as follows:

Page II-6-H-5: for all sub-areas of Germany mandatory reference heights above mean sea level are indicated.

REGION VI

GERMANY

Specification of sub-areas

<i>Area No.</i>	<i>Geographical designation</i>	<i>Reference height above mean sea level</i>	<i>Area No.</i>	<i>Geographical designation</i>	<i>Reference height above mean sea level</i>
11	Ostfriesland	100	51	Oberrheinische Tiefebene	900
12	Nordfriesland-Dithmarschen	100	52	Kraichgau	1100
13	Schleswig-Holsteinische Geest	200	53	Neckar-Kocher-Jagst-Gebiet	1700
14	Nordwestliches Niedersachsen	200	54	Mainfranken und Nördliches Unterfranken	1400
15	Schleswig-Holsteinisches Hügelland	300	55	Mittelfranken	1700
			56	Oberfranken	1900
21	Westliches Niedersachsen	300	57	Frankenwald und Fichtelgebirge	2700
22	Lüneburger Heide	400			
23	Teutoburger Wald	700	61	Schwarzwald	4000
24	Weser-Leine-Bergland	1400	62	Schwäbische Alb	3000
25	Hannover-Braunschweig	500	63	Fränkische Alb	2000
			64	Oberpfälzer Wald	2400
31	Niederrheinisches Tiefland	300	71	Hochrhein- und Bodenseeraum	2100
32	Münsterland	500	72	Schwäbische Hochebene	2400
33	Ruhrgebiet	500	73	Westliche Donauniederung	1700
34	Niederrheinische Bucht	700	74	Südbayerisches Hügelland	1800
35	Bergisches Land	1400	75	Östliche Donau- und Naabniederung	1600
36	Sauerland	2400	76	Bayerischer Wald	3300
37	Eifel	2000			
38	Neuwieder Becken	800	81	Westliches Alpenvorland	3300
39	Westerwald	1900	82	Östliches Alpenvorland	2500
41	Hunsrück	2300	83	Allgäuer Alpen	6500
42	Taunus	1900	84	Östliches Bayerisches Alpengebiet	6500
43	Nordhessisches Bergland mit Vogelsberg	2000			
44	Rheinpfalz und Saarland	1900			
45	Rhein-Main-Gebiet und Wetterau	700			
46	Odenwald und Spessart	1700			
47	Rhön	2800			

Annex V - Marine Meteorological Services (MMS) and related oceanographic activities

Date: April 1991

C. Information on the operation of Marine Meteorological Services

1. Broadcasts for shipping and other marine activities (Publication No. 9, Volume D, Part A)

1.3 Changes in schedules/technical specifications

Germany

Aii-VI Notification from RTH Offenbach that: OFFENBACH(MAIN)-HAMBURG/PINNEBERG (DDH3/DDK3/DDK6) radio-facsimile broadcast for shipping effective 15 April 1991 changes as follows:

Chart 97909 at 1520 UTC replace H+36 by H+60.
Chart 97962 replace transmission time 0611 by 0651 UTC
Chart 97878 at 0745 UTC and 97879 at 1845 UTC amend to read in column 8: "Arrows showing the movement of pressure systems, tropical storms, significant weather"

Sweden

Ai-VI Group(s): B,D SVERIGES RADIO, effective 1 April 1991, modify as follows:
Column 8: replace 1542(1442) by 1540(1440)
1725(1625) by 1730(1630)

Under "List of Stations(3)" replace 02382 Hårnö by Lungö

2. Marine meteorological services available for main ports (Publication No.9, Volume D, Part C1)

Israel - Israël (1.IV,1991)

Changes: (pages: D-C₁-VI-14 and 15)

(1)	(2)	(3)
Ashdod	A. Ophir, PMO, Ashdod Port or / ou Senior Duty Officer, Central Forecasting Office Israel Meteorological Service P.O. Box 25, Bet Dagan	(08) 524956 (03) 9682146
Elat	J. David, District Meteorological Station, Israel Meteorological Service, P.O. Box 68, Elat	(059) 72206
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Annexes: 3

GENEVA, 31 May 1991

Subject : Monthly letter on the operation of the World Weather Watch (WWW) and Marine Meteorological Services (MMS) May 1991

Action required : To be noted and brought to the attention of appropriate operational units

Dear Sir/Madam,

As you are aware, all the information on changes to the operation of the World Weather Watch (WWW) and Marine Meteorological Services (MMS) is being assembled and distributed by the Secretariat on a monthly basis to facilitate updating and follow-up action.

In this connection, please find attached the annexes providing the latest operational information on WWW and MMS. Those items and sub-items for which information is provided are listed below:

Annex I - Global Observing System

C. Information on operational status of elements of the surface-based sub-system

1. Publication No. 9, Volume A - Stations

- 1.1 New stations
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To: Permanent Representatives (or Directors of Meteorological or Hydro-meteorological Services) of Members of WMO (PR-4622)
Directors of Meteorological Services of non-Member countries (MC-2447)
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5. ARGOS Service
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 - 2.3 changes in schedules/technical specifications

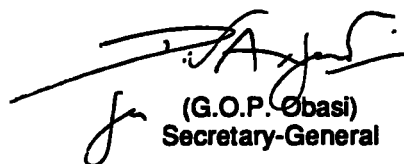
Annex V - Marine Meteorological Services (MMS) and related oceanographic activities

- C. Information on the operation of Marine Meteorological Services
 1. Broadcasts for shipping and other marine activities (Publication No. 9, Volume D, Part A)
 - 1.3 Changes in schedules/technical specifications

The CBS Advisory Working Group recommended that a special table should be added to the monthly letter to report changes of the present status of implementation of observing programmes of SYNOP, TEMP and PILOT reporting stations. You will note, therefore, that a new item, number 6, "Feed-back from Members to the Secretariat on any changes in the observing network" has been added to Annex I - Global Observing System.

Your co-operation in ensuring that the above information reaches the appropriate operational units of your service is greatly appreciated. If you wish to receive additional copies of the monthly circular letter, please inform the Secretariat accordingly.

Yours faithfully,


(G.O.P. Obasi)
Secretary-General

Annex I - Global Observing System

Date: May 1991

C. Information on operational status of elements of the surface-based sub-system

1. Publication No. 9. Volume A - Stations

1.1 New Stations

03840 DUNKESWELL 50°52'N 03°14'W - 255 X X X X X X X X H00-24 /
AERODROME

1.3 Changes to existing stations

13008	KREDARICA	X X X X X X X X /
13340	LIVNO	. X X X X X X /
71852	WINNIPEG INT. AIRPORT	X . X . X . X /
78583	BELIZE/INT. AIRPORT (Will resume 24-hour observations by the end of 1991)	X X . . X X X X	RW . RW . /
85470	COPIAPO	X . . . X X X X /
85577	SANTIAGO Q. NORMAL	X . . . X X X X /
89056	CENTRO MET. ANTARTICO "PDTE EDUARDO FREI"	X X X X X X X X /

1.5 Temporary changes

Notification from Argentina that radiosonde/radiowind observations have been resumed at station 87576 EZEIZA AERO as from 0000 UTC on 1 April 1991 .

And from 0000 UTC on 1 May 1991 at the following stations:

87047 SALTA AERO
87418 MENDOZA AERO
87623 SANTA ROSA AERO
87715 NEUQUEN AERO
87860 COMODORO RIVADAVIA AERO

3. Mobile sea stations

3.2 Automated Shipboard Aerological Programme (ASAP)

Canada (ASAP messages - call-sign change)

- One of the ASAP ships is changing ownership and so the call-sign in the messages is changing, as well as the ship's name. The transmitter platform I.D., timeslots and channel number are not being affected.
- The ship is the SKEENA, call-sign ZSCK. The new name is SKAUBRYN and the new call-sign is LAJV4.
- This change was made on 21 March 1991.

4. Automatic marine stationsCanada

Data from moored and drifting buoys are collected via geostationery and polar orbiting satellites respectively. Meteorological reports from moored buoys using FM 13-IX SHIP code are distributed on the GTS from the Direct Readout Station located in Vancouver, B.C. Reports from drifting buoys are received at the Argos Local User Terminal in Edmonton and distributed on the GTS using the FM 14-VIII DRIBU code.

Legend

<u>Column</u>	<u>Observed or technical parameters</u>
1	Wind direction and speed
2	Air temperature
3	Air pressure
4	Pressure tendency
5	Sea-surface temperature
6	Wave period and height
7	Wave spectra
8	Peak wind gust

Moored Buoys (North-east Pacific Ocean):

<u>WMO buoy Identifier</u>	<u>Position 28 April 1991</u>		<u>Observed or technical parameters</u>									
			<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>8</u>		
46004	50°56'N	135°52'W	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
46036	48°18'N	133°51'W	X	.	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
46145	54°23'N	132°22'W	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
46181	53°49'N	128°51'W	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
46182	49°29'N	123°18'W	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
46183	53°34'N	131°09'W	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
46184	53°56'N	138°48'W	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
46185	52°25'N	129°48'W	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
46204	51°14'N	128°27'W	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
46205	54°10'N	134°20'W	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
46206	48°50'N	126°00'W	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
46207	50°31'N	129°33'W	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
46208	52°18'N	132°25'W	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X

Moored Buoys (North-west Atlantic Ocean):

<u>WMO buoy Identifier</u>	<u>Argos Identifier</u>	<u>Position 29 April 1991</u>		<u>Observed or technical parameters</u>								
				<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>8</u>	
44137	05579	41°14'N	061°14'W	X	X	X	X	X	X	.	X	X
44139	03448	44°19'N	057°21'W	X	X	X	X	X	X	.	X	X
44140	05576	42°44'N	050°36'W	X	.	X	X	X	.	.	X	X
44141	05577	42°07'N	061°12'W	X	X	X	X	X	X	.	X	X
44142	05578	42°30'N	064°12'W	X	X	X	X	X	X	.	X	X

Moored Buoys (Great Lakes):

WMO buoy Identifier	Position		Observed or technical parameters							
	29 April 1991		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
45132	42°28'N	081°12'W	X	X	X	X	X	X	.	X
45135	43°48'N	076°52'W	X	X	X	X	X	X	.	X
45136	48°32'N	086°57'W	X	X	X	X	X	X	.	X
45137	45°20'N	080°02'W	X	X	X	X	.	.	.	X
45139	43°16'N	079°33'W	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X

Drifting Buoys (North-east Pacific Ocean):

WMO buoy Identifier	Argos Identifier	Position		Observed or technical parameters							
		28 April 1991		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
46632	12511	43°52'N	140°26'W	.	X	X	.	X	.	.	.
46681	07135	50°44'N	153°51'W	.	X	X	.	X	.	.	.
46684	07137	43°56'N	160°13'W	.	X	X	.	X	.	.	.
46687	07138	36°23'N	132°17'W	.	X	X	.	X	.	.	.
46692	07139	42°15'N	157°14'W	.	.	X	.	X	.	.	.
46693	07140	35°02'N	141°02'W	.	X	X	.	X	.	.	.
46696	06267	39°11'N	151°02'W	.	X	X	.	X	.	.	.
46703	06269	52°38'N	133°41'W	.	X	X	.	X	.	.	.
46704	07128	46°55'N	139°00'W	.	X	X	.	X	.	.	.
46705	07129	50°49'N	141°51'W	.	X	X	.	X	.	.	.
46706	07130	41°58'N	130°09'W	.	X	X	.	X	.	.	.
46707	07131	24°41'N	146°47'W	.	X	X	.	X	.	.	.

Drifting Buoys (Arctic Icepack):

WMO buoy Identifier	Argos Identifier	Position		Observed or technical parameters							
		29 April 1991		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
48523	01107	74°39'N	135°58'W	.	X	X	X	.	.	.	.

United States of America

List of U.S.A. Ocean Data Acquisition System (ODAS) included in the May 1991 Data Platform Status Report of the Data Buoy Centre of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA). Data from moored buoys and platforms are collected by geostationary meteorological satellites and reports are distributed on the GTS in SHIP code. Data from drifting buoys are collected by the Argos system and distributed on the GTS in DRIBU code.

Legend

Column	Observed or technical parameters
1	Wind direction and speed
2	Air temperature
3	Pressure
4	Pressure tendency
5	Sea-surface temperature
6	Wave period and height
7	Wave spectra
8	Drogued

Moored Buoys:

WMO buoy Identifier	Position 2-9 May 1991		Observed or technical parameters						
			1	2	3	4	5	6	7
32302	18°00'S	85°06'W	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
41001**	34°54'N	72°54'W	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
41002**	32°18'N	75°12'W	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
41006**	29°18'N	77°24'W	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
41008	30°42'N	81°06'W	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
41009	28°30'N	80°12'W	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
41010	28°54'N	78°30'W	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
42001**	25°54'N	89°42'W	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
42002**	25°54'N	93°36'W	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
42003**	25°54'N	85°54'W	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
42007	30°06'N	88°48'W	X	X	X	X	.	.	.
42019	27°54'N	95°00'W	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
42020	27°00'N	96°30'W	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
44004**	38°30'N	70°36'W	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
44005**	42°42'N	68°36'W	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
44007**	43°30'N	70°06'W	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
44008**	40°30'N	69°24'W	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
44009**	38°24'N	74°42'W	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
44011**	41°06'N	66°36'W	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
44012**	38°48'N	74°36'W	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
44013**	42°24'N	70°48'W	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
44014	36°36'N	74°48'W	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
45001**	48°00'N	87°48'W	X	.	X	X	X	X	X
45002**	45°18'N	86°24'W	*	X	X	X	X	X	X
45003**	45°18'N	82°42'W	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
45004**	47°30'N	86°30'W	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
45005**	41°42'N	82°24'W	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
45006**	47°18'N	89°54'W	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
45007**	42°48'N	87°06'W	X	X	X	X	X	.	.
45008**	44°18'N	82°24'W	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
46001**	56°18'N	148°18'W	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
46002**	42°30'N	130°24'W	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
46003**	51°54'N	155°54'W	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
46005**	46°06'N	131°00'W	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
46006**	40°48'N	137°42'W	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
46010**	46°12'N	124°12'W	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
46011	34°54'N	120°54'W	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
46012	37°24'N	122°42'W	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
46013	38°12'N	123°18'W	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
46014	39°12'N	124°00'W	X	X	X	X	X	X	X

** Primarily for National Weather Service (NWS) support; however, all stations report data to NWS

• Sensor/system failure

Moored Buoys (continued):

WMO buoy Identifier	Position 2-9 May 1991		Observed or technical parameters						
			1	2	3	4	5	6	7
46022	40°42'N	124°30'W	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
46023	34°18'N	120°42'W	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
46025	33°42'N	119°06'W	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
46026**	37°42'N	122°42'W	*	X	X	X	X	X	X
46027**	41°48'N	124°24'W	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
46028	35°48'N	121°54'W	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
46030	40°24'N	124°30'W	X	X	X	X	*	X	X
46035	57°00'N	177°42'W	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
46040	44°48'N	124°18'W	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
46041	47°24'N	124°30'W	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
46042	36°48'N	122°24'W	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
46045	33°48'N	118°24'W	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
51001**	23°24'N	162°18'W	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
51002**	17°12'N	157°48'W	X	X	X	X	*	X	X
51003**	19°12'N	160°48'W	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
51004**	17°30'N	152°30'W	X	X	X	X	X	X	X

Drifting Buoys:

WMO buoy Identifier	Argos Identifier	Position 8-9 May 1991		Observed or technical parameters							
				1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
14803	08844	40°S	021°E	.	X	X	.	X	.	.	.
14804	08845	25°S	054°E	.	X	X	.	X	.	.	.
16807	05133	50°S	004°W	.	X	X	.	X	.	.	.
17803	05571	40°S	091°E	X	*	X	.	*	.	.	X
17804	12300	37°S	088°E	.	*	X	.	X	.	.	.
17805	12304	31°S	074°E	.	*	X	.	X	.	.	.
17806	12306	40°S	007°E	.	X	X	.	X	.	.	.
17809	05125	43°S	013°E	.	X	X	.	X	.	.	.
17810	05126	41°S	005°E	.	X	X	.	X	.	.	.
17825	05129	45°S	006°E	.	X	X	.	X	.	.	.
33301	12310	56°S	028°W	.	X	X	.	.	.	.	.
33509	12307	43°S	043°W	.	X	X	.	X	.	.	.
33510	12308	47°S	011°E	.	X	X	.	X	.	.	.
33825	12301	55°S	089°E	.	X	X	.	X	.	.	.
33826	12296	60°S	038°E	.	X	X	.	X	.	.	.
33827	12297	49°S	068°E	.	X	X	.	X	.	.	.
33828	12298	46°S	055°E	.	X	X	.	X	.	.	.
33830	12305	43°S	038°E	.	X	X	.	X	.	.	.
54829	06762	40°S	160°W	.	*	X	.	X	.	.	.
54830	06763	42°S	112°W	.	*	X	.	X	.	.	.

* Sensor/system failure.

** Primarily for National Weather Service (NWS) support; however, all stations report data to NWS.

Drifting Buoys (continued):

WMO buoy Identifier	Argos Identifier	Position 8-9 May 1991		Observed or technical parameters									
				1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8		
54831	06764	46°S	108°W	.	X	X	.	X	.	.	.	.	.
54832	06585	41°S	164°W	X	X	X	.	X	.	.	.	X	.
54833	06586	44°S	144°W	X	X	X	.	X	.	.	.	X	.
54834	06583	37°S	153°W	X	X	X	.	X	.	.	.	X	.
54835	06731	39°S	156°W	.	X	X	.	X	.	.	.	.	.
54836	05128	35°S	170°W	.	X	X	.	X	.	.	.	.	.
54837	05135	31°S	158°W	.	X	X	.	X	.	.	.	.	.
54838	08823	45°S	167°W	.	X	X	.	X	.	.	.	.	.
54839	12312	43°S	161°W	.	X	X	.	X	.	.	.	.	.
54840	05120	52°S	175°W	.	X	X	.	X	.	.	.	.	.
54842	05122	47°S	169°W	.	X	X	.	X	.	.	.	.	.
54843	05134	49°S	153°W	.	X	X	.	X	.	.	.	.	.
55802	08843	24°S	050°E	.	X	X	.	X	.	.	.	.	.
55803	05136	59°S	159°W	.	X	X	.	X	.	.	.	.	.
56827	09221	63°S	168°E	.	*	X	.	*	.	.	.	.	.
56832	09219	09°S	110°E	.	X	X	.	X	.	.	.	.	.

- Sensor/system failure

5. ARGOS service5.1 ARGOS monthly status report

As at 5 May 1991 the Argos service was handling reports from 628 drifting buoys, 129 moored buoys, 2 balloons, 25 ships, 114 animal trackings, 400 fixed stations, 244 boats and 26 miscellaneous platforms. DRIBU reports from 78 drifting buoys and BATHY reports from 26 selected ships were transmitted to the RTH Paris and DRIBU reports from 242 drifting buoys were transmitted to the WMC Washington for insertion into the GTS. The list of platforms reporting through Argos and distributed over the GTS follows:

<u>Operating country</u>	<u>WMO Identifier/call sign</u>	<u>Argos Identifier</u>
Australia	56001	04873
	56501	02934
	56502	02936
	56503	08035
	56504	08036
	56505	08037
	56546	02951
	56547	04870
	56548	04871
	56549	04872
	9VBZ*	09195
	9VUU*	09190
	9VWM*	09187
	GYSA*	09189
	GYSE*	09199
	S6FK*	09193
	VJBQ*	09196
	VJDP*	09198

- PTT's transmitting at irregular intervals

<u>Operating country</u>	<u>WMO Identifier/call sign</u>	<u>Argos Identifier</u>	
Canada	21551	01314	
	21552	01315	
	21553	01316	
	44635	08666	
	44754	01055	
	44755	03319	
	44756	03320	
	44757	04762	
	44758	08648	
	46644	01198	
	46645	01199	
	46646	01310	
	46649	01313	
	46650	01424	
	46655	01429	
	46657	08093	
	47531	05218	
	47542	05217	
	47559	04004	
	France	13531	05832
		44610	10102
		62513	05829
		62516	05833
		62518	10104
		64516	05796
		A3BZ*	04709
		C6HL*	04705
		DIDA*	08742
		ELEH*	08746
		ELIS*	04716
		FITA*	04723
		FNCZ*	08744
FNGB*		04733	
FNGS*		04707	
FNJT*		04722	
FNOM*		04701	
FNQB*		04726	
FNZP*		04719	
FNZQ*		04703	
FPYO*		04729	
GTIA*		04712	
HPEW*		04720	
ZDBE*		04718	

* PFI's transmitting at irregular intervals

<u>Operating country</u>	<u>WMO Identifier/call sign</u>	<u>Argos Identifier</u>	
Germany	71524	03315	
	71543	08055	
	71544	08062	
	71545	09353	
	71546	09354	
	71548	09360	
	Japan	52060	08718
		62551+	12001
62552+		12020	
62553+		12025	
62554+		12035	
62555+		12039	
62556+		12042	
62557+		12048	
62558+		12056	
62560+		12002	
62561+		12018	
62563+		12031	
62564+		12045	
62565+		12047	
62566+		12050	
62567+		12004	
62568+		12005	
62570+		12022	
62571+		12024	
62572+		12030	
62573+		12033	
62574+		12037	
62576+		12040	
62577+		12046	
62578+		12049	
62579+		12053	
62583+		12007	
62584+		12023	
62585+		12027	
62586+		12029	
Netherlands		44613	04179

+ PTT's which were removed from GTS during the month

<u>Operating country</u>	<u>WMO Identifier/call sign</u>	<u>Argos Identifier</u>	
New Zealand	55579	06435	
	55582	07175	
	55583	07179	
	55584	07178	
	55585	07177	
	55586	07176	
Norway	17001	01591	
	17003	01758	
	62694	03670	
	63002	09407	
	65591	06666	
	74001	09405	
South Africa**	17524	09099	
	17527	09087	
	17528	08260	
	17529	09088	
	17533	09091	
	17534	14055	
	17535	14056	
	33021	09085	
	United Kingdom	62608	03919
		62803	06299
62804		06305	
62805		06285	
64043		06271	
United States of America		14803	08844
	14804	08845	
	16807	05133	
	16808	05127	
	17803+	05571	
	17804	12300	
	17805	12304	
	17806	12306	
	17809	05125	
	17810	05126	
	17825	05129	
	25537	12805	

+ PTT's which were removed from GTS during the month

** 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.

<u>Operating country</u>	<u>WMO Identifier/call sign</u>	<u>Argos Identifier</u>
United States of America (continued)	31502	09844
	32316+	06370
	32317+	06519
	32318+	06371
	32512	11920
	32513	11910
	32514	10836
	32515	11898
	32516	11927
	32517	15093
	32518	15091
	32519	11905
	32522	10808
	32523	10809
	32525	11192
	32528+	10820
	32529	11194
	32531	10812
	32532	11897
	32537	10839
	32538	11172
	32540	11904
	32543	11015
	32544	11908
	32545	10849
	32546	11160
	32549	11163
	32550	11894
	32552	11195
	32553	10841
	32554	10840
	32558	09276
	32560	11572
	33301	12310
	33509	12307
	33510	12308
	32825	12301
	33826	12296
	33827	12297
	33828	12298
	33830	12305
	41513	09853
	42525+	07494
	43501	11919
	43502	11168
	43503	11926
	43504	11198
	43508	11171

+ PTT's which were removed from the GTS during the month.

<u>Operating country</u>	<u>WMO Identifier/call sign</u>	<u>Argos Identifier</u>	
United States of America (continued)	43510	11628	
	44507	04566	
	44508	09171	
	44509	09165	
		44510+	09176
		44518	09841
		44520	09856
		44523	12772
		44530	12770
		44534	12771
		44535	12732
		44536	12730
		44537	12731
		44538	12762
		44539	12733
		44541	12763
		44542	12764
		44543	12765
		44544	12766
		44545	12767
		44551	12453
		46510	12672
		46512	12691
		47601	12785
		47603+	12809
		48518	12800
		48519	12783
		48520	12801
		48554	12802
		48555	12806
		48556+	12807
		48557	12808
		51006+	06521
		51007+	06475
		51008+	06518
		51014+	06517
		51510	11671
		51511	06883
		51512	15089
		51513	11663
		51514	11675
		51516	09274
		51517	11676
	51518	15077	
	51519	11646	
	51520	11653	
	51801	11197	
	51802	11915	

+ PTT's which were removed from the GTS during the month.

<u>Operating country</u>	<u>WMO Identifier/call sign</u>	<u>Argos Identifier</u>
United States of America (continued)	51803	11912
	51804	15092
	51806	09279
	51807	15094
	51808	15085
	51809	11576
	51810	15087
	51811	11644
	51812	15079
	51813	11569
	51814	11682
	51816	11620
	51817	11655
	51818	11630
	51819	11645
	51820	11687
	51821	11690
	51822	11870
	51823	15095
	51824	11685
	51825	11686
	51826	11578
	51827	11688
	51828	11695
	51829	11202
	51830	15088
	51831	11689
	51832	11691
	51833	11872
	51834	11170
	51835	09271
	51836	09270
	51837	15096
	51839	11700
	51840	15090
	51841	15098
	51842	11702
	51843	11703
	51844	09275
	51846	11692
	51847	11706
	51849	15097
	51850	11662
51853	11694	
51855	11705	
51856	15082	
51857	11667	
51858	11668	

<u>Operating country</u>	<u>WMO Identifier/call sign</u>	<u>Arqos Identifier</u>
United States of America (continued)	51861	15099
	51862	11670
	51865	11623
	51866	11664
	51867	11666
	51868	11669
	51869	11674
	51870	11679
	51871	11693
	51872	11696
	51873	11699
	51874	11701
	51875	11704
	51876	11683
	51877	15073
	51878	15072
	51879	15074
	51880	15078
	51881	15080
	51882	15081
	51883	15083
	51884	15084
	51885	15086
	52001+	06799
	52003+	12522
	52004+	12523
	52006+	12525
	52051	09272
	52052	09278
	52301+	06514
	52528+	12499
	52813	10835
	52827	10823
	52847+	11191
	52854	11626
	52866	11887
	52867	11893
	52868	11876
	52872	11890
	52875	11896
	52877	11883
	52878	11885
	53501	11255
	53502	12498
	53503	12480
	53809	11886
54829	06762	
54830	06763	

+ PTT's which were removed from GTS during the month.

<u>Operating country</u>	<u>WMO Identifier/call sign</u>	<u>Argos Identifier</u>
United States of America (continued)	54831	06764
	54832+	06585
	54833+	06586
	54834+	06583
	54835	06731
	54836	05128
	54837	05135
	54838	08823
	54839	12312
	54840	05120
	54841	05121
	54842	05122
	54843	05134
	55802	08843
	55803	05136
	56827	09221
	56832	09219
	64581	12804
	65503+	12803

+ PTT's which were removed from GTS during the 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 WWW 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.

Feed-back from Members to the Secretariat on any changes in the observing network
(explanatory notes overleaf)

Global Exchange/Regional Exchange (delete as appropriate)

Country: _____

Station index number	Bulletin identification		Implementation of observing programme							Alternate observing station	Remarks	
	TTAAii	CCCC	00	03	06	09	12	15	18			21
1. SYNOP												
2. TEMP												
3. PILOT												

Explanatory notes for Feed-back from Members to the Secretariat on any changes in the observing network

1. **Separate tables should be prepared for global exchange and regional exchange respectively. These tables should contain information concerning any changes of the present state of implementation of observing programmes of SYNOP, TEMP and PILOT reporting stations given in Attachment I-4 of the Manual on the GTS, Volume I for global exchange and, as applicable, Attachments AF-I, AI-1, SA-1, NA-1, PS-1 and EU-1 of the Manual on the GTS, Volume II for regional exchange.**

2. **For entries in these tables, the following should be taken into account:**
 - (a) **In the column "Station index number", the index number (Iliii) of each station should be entered in case of any changes in the observing programmes of the stations;**

 - (b) **In the column "Bulletin Identification", the TTAAlI CCCC of the abbreviated heading of the meteorological bulletins which contains reports from the station should be inserted;**

 - (c) **In the column "Implementation of observing programme", "X" for implementation and "-" for non-implementation should be inserted as appropriate. In order to easily identify changes in the programme, this should be marked in red;**

 - (d) **In the column "Alternate observing station", the index number (Iliii) of an alternate observing station should be inserted in case another station is available with a view to filling gaps which are caused by suspension of observing programmes of the original station;**

 - (e) **The required information concerning the observing programme of the alternate station should be inserted in the next horizontal line of the original station;**

 - (f) **In the column "Remarks", reasons of temporary suspension of observing programmes and an expected date of resumption of the programmes should be given as far as possible. Non-standard collection and/or distribution times should also be included.**

3. **These tables should be sent to the Secretariat before the 1st of the month for inclusion of the changes in the monthly operational letter, as appropriate.**

Annex III - Global Telecommunication System

Date: May 1991

A. GTS regulatory or guidance material

3. Amendments to the Manual on the Global Telecommunication System

Recommendations adopted by CBS Ext. (90)

At its extraordinary session (London, 24 September - 5 October 1990), CBS adopted three recommendations for amendment to the Manual on the GTS. Volume I, Parts I, II and III respectively.

The recommendation relating to Part I, with effect from 1 September 1991, includes a revision of paragraphs 1 to 3. It also includes provisions for the global exchange of Parts A, B, C and D of TEMP, PILOT, TEMP SHIP, PILOT SHIP, TEMP MOBIL and PILOT MOBIL, as well as new procedures for the annual global monitoring (see also WMO letter W/SY/T.9 (PR. 4569) dated 15 January 1991).

The recommendations relating to Part II and III, with effect from 1 November 1991, include provisions to delete the groups CLLLL and CFFFF from the starting line of the meteorological messages. They also include amendments to the allocation of abbreviated headings, in particular to the tables A, B1, B2, C3, C5 and D, and provisions to add new tables relating to messages in bit-oriented code forms. The other amendments are related to the introduction of virtual calls (VC) services in the network layer and of a limit of length of 15000 octets for messages in bit-oriented code forms, to the detection and cancellation of duplicated messages, to the use of groups GGgg and ii of the abbreviated heading, and to the use of CCITT group 4 standard for coded digital fax.

The three recommendations were approved by the forty-third session of the Executive Council (Geneva, May 1991).

C. Information on the operation of the GTS

1. Catalogue of Meteorological Bulletins (Publication NO. 9. Volume C. Chapter I)

1.3 Changes to bulletins

Notification from the United Kingdom that with effect from 1200 UTC 31 May 1991, station 03840 will replace 03839 in bulletins SMUK01 EGRR, SIUK21 EGRR, SNUK21 EGRR.

2. Transmission schedules (Publication No. 9. volume C. Chapter II)

2.3 Changes in schedules/technical specifications

I-iii Dakar radio-facsimile broadcast effective 1 March 1991 delete CVY 41 (0000-2400)
7587,5 kHz 5 kW

Annex V - Marine Meteorological Services (MMS) and related oceanographic activities

Date: May 1991

C. Information on the operation of Marine Meteorological Services

1. Broadcasts for shipping and other Marine activities (Publication No. 9, Volume D, Part A)

1.3 Changes in schedules/technical specifications

All-I Dakar radio-facsimile broadcast effective 1 March 1991 delete CVY 41 (0000-2400)
7587,5 kHz 5 kW



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Annexes: 4

GENEVA, 30 June 1991

Subject : Monthly letter on the operation of the World Weather Watch (WWW) and Marine Meteorological Services (MMS) June 1991

Action required : To be noted and brought to the attention of appropriate operational units

Dear Sir/Madam,

As you are aware, all the information on changes to the operation of the World Weather Watch (WWW) and Marine Meteorological Services (MMS) is being assembled and distributed by the Secretariat on a monthly basis to facilitate updating and follow-up action.

In this connection, please find attached the annexes providing the latest operational information on WWW and MMS. Those items and sub-items for which information is provided are listed below:

Annex I - Global Observing System

C. Information on operational status of elements of the surface-based sub-system

1. Publication No. 9, Volume A - Stations

1.2 Deleted stations

1.3 Changes to existing stations

4. Automatic marine stations

5. ARGOS

5.1 ARGOS monthly status report

To: Permanent Representatives (or Directors of Meteorological or Hydro-meteorological Services) of Members of WMO (PR-4633)
Directors of Meteorological Services of non-Member countries (MC-2448)
Presidents and Vice-Presidents of Regional Associations (P.RA-1271)
Presidents and Vice-Presidents of Technical Commissions (P.TC-1389)
Chairmen of CBS Working Groups
Secretary-General of ICAO
Director-General of IATA
Secretary of IOC
Director-General of ASECNA
Director of ECMWF

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

D. Information on operational status of space sub-system

Annex III - Global Telecommunication System

A. GTS regulatory or guidance material

4. Regional telecommunications plans

C. Information on the operation of the GTS

1. Catalogue of Meteorological Bulletins (Publication No. 9, Volume C, Chapter I)

- 1.3 Changes to bulletins

Annex IV - Codes

B. Manual on codes

1. Global practices

- 1.3 Changes to codes

Annex V - Marine Meteorological Services (MMS) and related oceanographic activities

C. Information on the operation of Marine Meteorological Services

2. Marine meteorological services available for main ports (Publication No.9, Volume D, Part C₁)

4. Collection and dissemination of marine information

The CBS Advisory Working Group recommended that a special table should be added to the monthly letter to report changes of the present status of implementation of observing programmes of SYNOP, TEMP and PILOT reporting stations. You will note, therefore, that a new item, number 6, "Feed-back from Members to the Secretariat on any changes in the observing network" has been added to Annex I - Global Observing System.

Your co-operation in ensuring that the above information reaches the appropriate operational units of your service is greatly appreciated. If you wish to receive additional copies of the monthly circular letter, please inform the Secretariat accordingly.

Yours faithfully,



(G.O.P. Obasi)
Secretary-General

Annex I - Global Observing System

Date: June 1991

C. Information on operational status of elements of the surface-based sub-system

1. Publication No. 9, Volume A - Stations

1.2 Deleted stations

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1.3 Changes to existing stations

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United States of America

List of U.S.A. Ocean Data Acquisition System (ODAS) included in the June 1991 Data Platform Status Report of the Data Buoy Centre of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA). Data from moored buoys and platforms are collected by geostationary meteorological satellites and reports are distributed on the GTS in SHIP code. Data from drifting buoys are collected by the Argos system and distributed on the GTS in DRIBU code.

Legend

<u>Column</u>	<u>Observed or technical parameters</u>
1	Wind direction and speed
2	Air temperature
3	Pressure
4	Pressure tendency
5	Sea-surface temperature
6	Wave period and height
7	Wave spectra
8	Drogued

Moored Buoys:

<u>WMO buoy Identifier</u>	<u>Position</u>		<u>Observed or technical parameters</u>						
	<u>30 May - 6 June 1991</u>		<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>7</u>
32302	18°00'S	85°06'W	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
41001**	34°54'N	72°54'W	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
41002**	32°18'N	75°12'W	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
41006**	29°18'N	77°24'W	*	*	*	*	*	*	*

** Primarily for National Weather Service (NWS) support; however, all stations report data to NWS

• Sensor/system failure

Moored Buoys (continued):

WMO buoy Identifier	Position		Observed or technical parameters						
	30 May - 6 June 1991		1	2	3	4	5	6	7
41008	30°42'N	81°06'W	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
41009	28°30'N	80°12'W	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
41010	28°54'N	78°30'W	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
42001**	25°54'N	89°42'W	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
42002**	25°54'N	93°36'W	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
42003**	25°54'N	85°54'W	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
42007	30°06'N	88°48'W	X	X	X	X	X	.	.
42019	27°54'N	95°00'W	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
42020	27°00'N	96°30'W	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
44004**	38°30'N	70°36'W	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
44005**	42°42'N	68°36'W	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
44007**	43°30'N	70°06'W	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
44008**	40°30'N	69°24'W	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
44009**	38°24'N	74°42'W	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
44011**	41°06'N	66°36'W	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
44012**	38°48'N	74°36'W	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
44013**	42°24'N	70°48'W	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
44014	36°36'N	74°48'W	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
44025	40°18'N	73°12'W	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
45001**	48°00'N	87°48'W	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
45002**	45°18'N	86°24'W	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
45003**	45°18'N	82°42'W	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
45004**	47°30'N	86°30'W	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
45005**	41°42'N	82°24'W	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
45006**	47°18'N	89°54'W	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
45007**	42°48'N	87°06'W	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
45008**	44°18'N	82°24'W	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
46001**	56°18'N	148°18'W	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
46002**	42°30'N	130°24'W	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
46003**	51°54'N	155°54'W	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
46005**	46°06'N	131°00'W	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
46006**	40°48'N	137°42'W	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
46010**	46°12'N	124°12'W	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
46011	34°54'N	120°54'W	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
46012	37°24'N	122°42'W	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
46013	38°12'N	123°18'W	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
46014	39°12'N	124°00'W	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
46022	40°42'N	124°30'W	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
46023	34°18'N	120°42'W	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
46025	33°42'N	119°06'W	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
46026**	37°42'N	122°42'W	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
46027**	41°48'N	124°24'W	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
46028	35°48'N	121°54'W	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
46030	40°24'N	124°30'W	X	X	X	X	*	X	X

** Primarily for National Weather Service (NWS) support; however, all stations report data to NWS

* Sensor/system failure

Moored Buoys (continued):

WMO buoy Identifier	Position		Observed or technical parameters						
	30 May - 6 June 1991		1	2	3	4	5	6	7
46035	57°00'N	177°42'W	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
46040	44°48'N	124°18'W	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
46041	47°24'N	124°30'W	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
46042	36°48'N	122°24'W	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
46045	33°48'N	118°24'W	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
51001**	23°24'N	162°18'W	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
51002**	17°12'N	157°48'W	X	X	X	X	*	X	X
51003**	19°12'N	160°48'W	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
51004**	17°30'N	152°30'W	X	X	X	X	X	X	X

Drifting Buoys:

WMO buoy Identifier	Argos Identifier	Position		Observed or technical parameters							
		5/6 June 1991		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
14803	08844	36°S	031°E	.	X	X	.	X	.	.	.
14804	08845	24°S	054°E	.	X	X	.	X	.	.	.
16807	05133	52°S	005°W	.	X	X	.	X	.	.	.
17803	05571	37°S	164°E	X	*	X	.	*	.	.	X
17804	12300	37°S	088°E	.	*	X	.	X	.	.	.
17805	12304	28°S	074°E	.	*	X	.	X	.	.	.
17806	12306	39°S	010°W	.	X	X	.	X	.	.	.
17809	05125	44°S	015°W	.	X	X	.	X	.	.	.
17810	05126	40°S	009°E	.	X	X	.	X	.	.	.
17825	05129	46°S	012°E	.	X	X	.	X	.	.	.
33301	12310	56°S	028°W	.	X	X	.	.	.	.	.
33509	12307	43°S	037°W	.	X	X	.	X	.	.	.
33510	12308	48°S	019°E	.	X	X	.	X	.	.	.
33825	12301	57°S	098°E	.	X	X	.	X	.	.	.
33826	12296	60°S	045°E	.	X	X	.	X	.	.	.
33827	12297	47°S	079°E	.	X	X	.	X	.	.	.
33828	12298	45°S	061°E	.	X	X	.	X	.	.	.
33830	12305	42°S	043°E	.	X	X	.	.	.	.	.
54829	06762	39°S	157°W	.	*	X	.	X	.	.	.
54830	06763	41°S	112°W	.	*	X	.	X	.	.	.
54831	06764	44°S	109°W	.	X	X	.	X	.	.	.
54832	06585	40°S	162°W	X	X	X	.	X	.	.	X
54833	06586	45°S	143°W	X	X	X	.	.	.	.	X
54834	06583	38°S	153°W	X	X	X	.	X	.	.	X
54835	06731	38°S	155°W	.	X	X	.	X	.	.	.
54836	05128	33°S	168°W	.	X	X	.	X	.	.	.
54837	05135	30°S	155°W	.	X	X	.	X	.	.	.
54838	08823	43°S	163°W	.	X	X	.	X	.	.	.

* Sensor/system failure.

** Primarily for National Weather Service (NWS) support; however, all stations report data to NWS.

Drifting Buoys (continued):

WMO buoy Identifier	Argos Identifier	Position 5/6 June 1991		Observed or technical parameters								
				1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	
54839	12312	42°S	157°W	.	X	X	.	X	.	.	.	.
54840	05120	51°S	170°W	.	X	X	.	X	.	.	.	.
54842	05122	46°S	164°W	.	X	X	.	X	.	.	.	.
54843	05134	50°S	151°W	.	X	X	.	X	.	.	.	.
55802	08843	26°S	049°E	.	X	X	.	X	.	.	.	.
55803	05136	59°S	155°W	.	X	X	.	X	.	.	.	.
56827	09221	62°S	179°E	.	*	X	.	*	.	.	.	.
56832	09219	11°S	100°E	.	X	X	.	X	.	.	.	.
56834	09218	19°S	093°E	.	X	X	.	X	.	.	.	.

- Sensor/system failure

5. ARGOS service

5.1 ARGOS monthly status report

As at 5 June 1991 the Argos service was handling reports from 637 drifting buoys, 142 moored buoys, 5 balloons, 25 ships, 146 animal trackings, 399 fixed stations, 435 boats and 28 miscellaneous platforms. DRIBU reports from 76 drifting buoys and BATHY reports from 25 selected ships were transmitted to the RTH Paris and DRIBU reports from 237 drifting buoys were transmitted to the WMC Washington for insertion into the GTS. The list of platforms reporting through Argos and distributed over the GTS follows:

<u>Operating country</u>	<u>WMO Identifier/call sign</u>	<u>Argos Identifier</u>
Australia	56001	04873
	56501	02934
	56502	02936
	56503	08035
	56504	08036
	56505	08037
	56506	04875
	56546	02951
	56547	04870
	56548	04871
	56549	04872
	62590+	12054
	9VBZ*	09195
	9VUU*	09190
	9VWM*	09187
	VJBQ*	09196
	VJDP*	09198
	S6FK*	09193
	GYRW*	09197
VJDI*	09198	

- + PTT's which were removed from GTS during the month
- PTT's transmitting at irregular intervals

<u>Operating country</u>	<u>WMO Identifier/call sign</u>	<u>Argos Identifier</u>	
Canada	21551	01314	
	21552	01315	
	21553	01316	
	44635	08666	
	44755	03319	
	44756	03320	
	44758	08648	
	46644	01198	
	46645	01199	
	46646	01310	
	46649	01313	
	46650	01424	
	46655	01429	
	46656	08090	
	47542	05217	
	47559	04004	
	France	13531	05832
		44610	10102
		62513	05829
		62514	05831
62516		05833	
62518		10104	
62519		10114	
64516		05796	
C6HL*		04705	
DIDA*		08742	
ELEH*		08746	
ELIS*		04716	
FNCZ*		08744	
FNGB*		04733	
FNGS*		04707	
FNJT*		04722	
FNOM*		04701	
FNQB*		04726	
FNZO*		04717	
FNZQ*		04703	
FPYO*		04729	
GTIA*		04712	
HPEW*		04720	
ZDBE*	04718		
Germany	71524	03315	
	71543	08055	
	71544	08062	
	71545	09353	
	71546	09354	
	71548	09360	

- PTT's transmitting at irregular intervals

<u>Operating country</u>	<u>WMO Identifier/call sign</u>	<u>Argos Identifier</u>
Netherlands	44613	04179
New Zealand	55579	06435
	55582	07175
	55583	07179
	55584	07178
	55585	07177
	55586	07176
Norway	17001	01591
	17003	01758
	62694	03670
	63002	09407
	65591	06666
	74001	09405
South Africa**	17524	09099
	17527	09087
	17528	08260
	17529	09088
	17533	09091
	17534	14055
	17535	14056
	17537	14057
	33021	09085
United Kingdom	62608+	03919
	62803	06299
	62804	06305
	62805	06285
	64043	06271
United States of America	14803	08844
	14804	08845
	16807	05133
	16808	05127

** 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.

+ PTT's which were removed from GTS during the month

<u>Operating country</u>	<u>WMO Identifier/call sign</u>	<u>Argos Identifier</u>
United States of America (continued)	17803+	05571
	17804	12300
	17805	12304
	17806	12306
	17809	05125
	17810	05126
	17825	05129
	23503	14285
	25537	12805
	31502	09844
	32512	11920
	32513	11917
	32514	10836
	32515	11898
	32516	11927
	32517	15093
	32518	15091
	32519	11905
	32522	10808
	32523	10809
	32524	11921
	32525	11192
	32526	11923
	32529	11194
	32531	10812
	32532	11897
	32537	10839
	32538	11172
	32540	11904
	32543	11015
	32544	11908
	32545	10849
	32546	11160
	32549	11163
	32550	11894
	32552	11195
	32553+	10841
	32554	10840
	32558	09276
	32560	11572
	33301	12310
	33509	12307
	33510	12308
	33825	12301
	33826	12296
	33827	12297
	33828	12298
33830	12305	

+ PTT's which were removed from the GTS during the month.

<u>Operating country</u>	<u>WMO Identifier/call sign</u>	<u>Argos Identifier</u>
United States of America (continued)	41501	11752
	41502	11753
	41506	14294
	41512+	09857
	41521	14296
	43501	11919
	43502	11168
	43503	11926
	43504	11198
	43508	11171
	43510	11628
	44507	04566
	44508	09171
	44509	09165
	44510	09176
	44511	09177
	44518+	09841
	44520	09856
	44523	12772
	44530	12737
	44534	12771
	44535	12732
	44536	12730
	44537	12731
	44538	12762
	44541	12734
	44542	12735
	44543	12736
	44544	12766
	44545	12767
	44551	12453
	46510	12672
	47601	12785
	48518	12800
	48519	12783
	48520	12801
	48554	12802
	48555	12806
	48557	12808
	51011+	06476
51014+	06517	
51510	11671	
51511	06883	
51512	15089	
51513	11663	
51514	11675	
51515	14432	
51516	09274	

+ PTT's which were removed from the GTS during the month.

<u>Operating country</u>	<u>WMO Identifier/call sign</u>	<u>Argos Identifier</u>	
United States of America (continued)	51517	11676	
	51518	15077	
	51519	11646	
	51520	11653	
		51801	14433
		51802	11915
		51803	11912
		51804	14434
		51806	09279
		51807	15094
		51808	15085
		51809	14435
		51810	15087
		51811	11644
		51812	15079
		51813	11924
		51814	11682
		51816	11620
		51817	11655
		51819	11645
		51820	11687
		51821	11690
		51822	11870
		51823	15095
		51824	11685
		51825	11686
		51826	11578
		51827	11688
		51828	11695
		51829	11202
		51830	15088
		51831	11689
		51832	11691
		51833	11872
		51834+	11170
		51835	09271
		51836	09270
		51837	15096
		51839	11700
		51840	15090
		51841	15098
		51842	11702
		51843	11703
		51844	09275
	51845	09273	
	51846	11692	
	51847	11706	
	51849	15097	

+ PTT's which were removed from the GTS during the month.

<u>Operating country</u>	<u>WMO Identifier/call sign</u>	<u>Argos Identifier</u>
United States of America (continued)	51853	11694
	51855	11705
	51856	15082
	51857	11667
	51858	11668
	51861	15099
	51862	11670
	51865	11623
	51867+	11666
	51868	11669
	51869	11674
	51870	11679
	51871	11693
	51872	11696
	51873	11699
	51874	11701
	51875	11704
	51876	11683
	51877	15073
	51878	15072
	51879	15074
	51880	15078
	51881	15080
	51882	15081
	51883	15083
	51884	15084
	51885	15086
	52001+	06799
	52002+	06799
	52003+	12522
	52004+	12523
	52006+	12525
	52051	09272
	52052	09278
	52301+	06381
	52813	10835
	52827	10823
	52854	11626
	52866	11887
	52867	11893
	52868	11876
52872	11890	
52877	11883	
53501	11255	
53502	12498	
53503	12480	
53809	11886	
54829	06762	

+ PTT's which were removed from the GTS during the month.

<u>Operating country</u>	<u>WMO Identifier/call sign</u>	<u>Argos Identifier</u>
United States of America (continued)	54830	06763
	54831	06764
	54832+	06585
	54833+	06586
	54834+	06583
	54835	06731
	54836	05128
	54837	05135
	54838	08823
	54839	12312
	54840	05120
	54841	05121
	54842	05122
	54843	05134
	55802	08843
	55803	05136
	56827	09221
	56832	09219
	62672	09859
	62673	12726
	64581	12804
	64587	14314
	64592	14283
	64593	14295
	64594	14313
	64595	14328

ATLAS buoys

<u>WMO Identifier/call sign</u>	<u>Argos Identifier</u>
32315	06380
32316	06370
32317	06519
32318	06371
51006	06798
51007	06475
51008	06518
51009	06461
51010	06375
51011	06476
51014	06521
52001	06799
52002	06795
52003	12522
52004	06515
52006	06796
52301	06514

+ PTT's which were removed from the GTS during the 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 WWW 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.

D. Information on operational status of space-based sub-system

GOES Status Report

GOES-7:

VAS operations, mode AAA, with MSI at 01 and 31 minutes past each hour with the following comment(s) exception(s):

1. MSI at 1820 UTC each Wednesday cancelled for visible channel calibration.
2. D-S at 1222 UTC each Sunday and Thursday cancelled for torque management.

WEFAX broadcasts: simultaneous, see operational message broadcast at 1055 UTC for schedule.

Status of NOAA polar orbiting satellites (updated 01 May 1991)

NOAA-9: (Stand-by). Launched 12 December 1984, afternoon ascending, AVHRR (HRPT, APT), SSU, DCS, SBUV, SAR.

NOAA-10: (Operational). Launched 17 September 1986, morning descending, AVHRR (HRPT, APT), DCS, MSU, SAR, SEM.

NOAA-11: (Operational). Launched 24 September 1986, afternoon ascending, AVHRR (HRPT, APT), SSU, DCS, SBUV, SAR.

	HRPT	APT	BCN
NOAA-9	1707(HSB)	137.62(VTX2)	137.77(BTX2)
NOAA-10	1698(LSB)	137.50(VTX1)	136.77(BTX1)
NOAA-11	1707(HSB)	137.62(VTX2)	137.77(BTX2)

NOAA-D: Spacecraft (now NOAA-12) was successfully launched from Vandenberg A.F.B., California on 14 May 1991. Official lift-off time was 15:52:00:0357 UTC.

NOAA-11: Spacecraft is expected to replace the NOAA-10 spacecraft as the operational morning descending spacecraft on or about 1 July 1991.

Status of U.S.S.R. satellites

METEOR 3-4 was launched on 24 April 1991 and began transmitting visible mode APT imagery almost immediately. It can be heard during early afternoon north to south passes on 137.300 MHz. METEOR 3-3 also transmits on 137.00 MHz with visible mode imagery during daytime passes and IR imagery during night time passes.

METEOR 2-20 was switched off recently following the loss of the synchronizing pulses from the scan lines.

METEOR 2-19 has been switched back on and is transmitting on 137.850 MHz.

Status of EUMETSAT satellites

METEOSAT-4 remains the operational satellite at the nominal position for the time being. The rectification anomaly affecting METEOSAT-5 imagery is being investigated.

METEOSAT-3 is being slowly moved (currently around 17°W) to take up a position at 50°W for Atlantic Data Coverage (imagery expected from this satellite on 1 August 1991)

Feed-back from Members to the Secretariat on any changes in the observing network
 (explanatory notes overleaf)

Global Exchange/Regional Exchange (delete as appropriate)

Country: _____

Station Index number	Bulletin identification TTAAii CCCC	Implementation of observing programme								Alternate observing station	Remarks
		00	03	06	09	12	15	18	21		
1. SYNOP											
2. TEMP											
3. PILOT											

Explanatory notes for Feed-back from Members to the Secretariat on any changes in the observing network

1. **Separate tables should be prepared for global exchange and regional exchange respectively. These tables should contain information concerning any changes of the present state of implementation of observing programmes of SYNOP, TEMP and PILOT reporting stations given in Attachment I-4 of the Manual on the GTS, Volume I for global exchange and, as applicable, Attachments AF-I, AI-1, SA-1, NA-1, PS-1 and EU-1 of the Manual on the GTS, Volume II for regional exchange.**

2. **For entries in these tables, the following should be taken into account:**
 - (a) **In the column "Station index number", the index number (IIIII) of each station should be entered in case of any changes in the observing programmes of the stations;**

 - (b) **In the column "Bulletin identification", the TTAAii CCCC of the abbreviated heading of the meteorological bulletins which contains reports from the station should be inserted;**

 - (c) **In the column "Implementation of observing programme", "X" for implementation and "-" for non-implementation should be inserted as appropriate. In order to easily identify changes in the programme, this should be marked in red;**

 - (d) **In the column "Alternate observing station", the index number (IIII) of an alternate observing station should be inserted in case another station is available with a view to filling gaps which are caused by suspension of observing programmes of the original station;**

 - (e) **The required information concerning the observing programme of the alternate station should be inserted in the next horizontal line of the original station;**

 - (f) **In the column "Remarks", reasons of temporary suspension of observing programmes and an expected date of resumption of the programmes should be given as far as possible. Non-standard collection and/or distribution times should also be included.**

3. **These tables should be sent to the Secretariat before the 1st of the month for inclusion of the changes in the monthly operational letter, as appropriate.**

Annex III - Global Telecommunication System

Date: June 1991

A. GTS regulatory or guidance material

4. Regional telecommunications plans

The President of RA VI approved to amend the Manual on the GTS - Regional Aspects - Region VI - Part I - to take into account the following changes relating to accession of former German Democratic Republic (GDR) to Germany: deletion of the main regional circuit Prague-Potsdam from the plan, deletion of the area corresponding to the former GDR from the zone of responsibility to RTH Prague as from 2200 UTC, 30 June 1991 and termination of the RTT broadcast of Potsdam.

C. Information on the operation of the GTS

1. Catalogue of Meteorological Bulletins (Publication No. 9, Volume C, Chapter I)

1.3 Changes to bulletins

Notification from the United Kingdom that with effect from 0000 UTC 1 June 1991, station 03322 replaced 03318 in bulletins SMUK01 EGRR, SIUK21 EGRR and SNUK21 EGRR

Exchange of bulletins including information on the status of the ozone layer on the GTS

1. Bulletins including information on the status of the ozone layer will be prepared by the WMO Secretariat as from August 1991. Such information has already been inserted in the METNO messages during the second half of 1990 as a temporary measure.

2. With a view to making it possible to insert the bulletins into the GTS from the WMO headquarters from August 1991, the president of CBS has agreed to allocate the abbreviated heading AQAA01 LWMO for these bulletins.

3. At first, test messages will be inserted on 7 and 14 August 1991 and then it is expected to send bulletins routinely at any dates from the end of August to the end of November with a possible average of 4 bulletins a month. WMO members are invited to relay, as required, these bulletins on the GTS.

Annex IV - Codes

Date: June 1991

B. Manual on codes

1. Global practices

1.3 Changes to codes

Volume I - Manual on Codes

FM 65-IX WAVEOB

The Chairman of the Sub-group on Codes, after consultation with the Members currently using the code FM 65-IX WAVEOB, has approved the editorial additions to regulations 65.1.3.2 and 65.1.4.1, which reflect the present use of the code. The revised text for pages 1-A-173 - 1-A-174 is attached:

FM 65-1X WAVEOB

65.1.3.2

When used, Section 1 shall contain the section identifier, the total number of bands described in the section, the sampling interval (in tenths of a second or in metres), the duration in seconds of record of the wave or the length in tens of metres, the number (BB) of bands described in the next two groups, the first centre frequency (Hz) or first centre wave number (metres)⁻¹ and the increment added to obtain the next centre frequency (Hz) or the next centre wave number (metres)⁻¹ and their associated exponents.

NOTE: In deriving the value of the first center frequency in a series or wave number and increment from the groups $n_1 f_1 n_1 x$ $n_2 f_2 n_2 x$, decimal points are assumed at the left of the numeric values. For example, for center frequency, the groups 13004 11004 would be interpreted as a first center frequency of 0.300×10 to -1 Hz and an increment of 0.100×10 to -1 Hz. (The maximum spectral density value $C_m C_m C_m$ in section 2, or $C_{sm} C_{sm} C_{sm}$ in section 3, is coded in a similar fashion.)

65.1.3.3

Except when BB = 00, the two groups for the first centre frequency or first centre wave number, and the increment added to obtain the next centre frequency or the next centre wave number (each time preceded by BB) shall be repeated (n) times as required to describe band distribution .

NOTE: If sets of data groups are greater than 9, the group identifier (n) for the tenth set will be 0. the group identifier for the eleventh will be 1 . etc.

65.1.3.4

BB shall be encoded BB = 00 when no increments are given and the following (n) groups are actual centre frequencies or actual centre wave numbers.

NOTE: The note under Regulation 65.1.3.3 applies if data groups are greater than 9.

65.1.4

Use of Sections 2 and 3

65.1.4.1

When used, Section 2 shall contain the section identifier, an exponent associated with the first data group on the maximum value for nondirectional spectra ($C_m C_m C_m$) in $m^2 \text{ Hz}^{-1}$ for frequencies or m^3 for wave numbers from wave heave sensors, given as a 3-digit number. The band number (nmnm) in which the maximum value for non-directional spectra occurs shall be included in the same group as the value. Subsequent groups shall contain ratios of individual spectra to the maximum ($c_1 c_1$ to $C_n C_n$) as a percentage (00 99), with 00 meaning either zero or 100 per cent.

NOTE (1): See note under regulation 65.1.3.2

NOTE (2): Confusion between a zero ratio and the maximum ratio (100 per cent) should not arise since the band number ($n_m n_m$) for the maximum has already been identified.

FM 65-1X WAVEOB

65.1.4.2

Each group containing ratios shall begin with an odd number representing the unit value of the first band in the group. Thus, the number 1 shall identify values for the first and second or eleventh and twelfth or twenty-first and twenty-second, etc., bands. The last group shall contain two ratios for even numbers of bands and one ratio for odd numbers of bands. In the case of odd numbers of bands, the last two characters in the group shall be encoded as //.

65.1.4.3

When used, Section 3 shall contain the section identifier, and nondirectional spectral data derived from wave slope sensors, analogous to Section 2. Regulations 65.1.4.1, with the exception of the section identifier, and 65.1.4.2 shall apply.

65.1.5

Use of Section 4

When used, Section 4 shall contain the section identifier and pairs of data groups of mean direction and principal direction from which waves are coming for the band indicated, relative to true north, in units of 4 degrees, and the first and second normalized polar co-ordinates derived from Fourier coefficients. The pairs of groups shall be repeated (n) times as required to describe the total number of bands given in Section 1.

NOTES:

- (1) The note under Regulation 65.1.3.3 applies if pairs of data groups are greater than 9.
- (2) The mean direction and principal direction from which waves are coming will range from 00 (actual value 358° to less than 2°) to 89 (actual value from 354° to less than 358°). A value of 99 indicates the energy for the band is below a given threshold.
- (3) Placing $d_{a1}d_{a1}$, and $d_{a2}d_{a2}$ for each band in the same group with r_1r_1 and r_2r_2 for the same band in the next group allows a quick visual check of the state of the sea.
- (4) If $d_{a1}d_{a1}=d_{a2}d_{a2}$ and $r_1r_1 > r_2r_2$ there is a single wave train in the direction given by the common value of $d_{a1}d_{a1}$ and $d_{a2}d_{a2}$.
- (5) If the coded value of $|d_{a1}d_{a1} - d_{a2}d_{a2}| > 2$ and $r_1r_1 < r_2r_2$ a confused sea exists and no simple assumption can be made about the direction of the wave energy.

Annex V - Marine Meteorological Services (MMS) and related oceanographic activities

Date: June 1991

C. Information on the operation of Marine Meteorological Services

2. Marine meteorological services available for main ports (Publication No.9, Volume D, Part C1)

Australia - Australie (22.V.1991)

Changes (pages: D-C₁-V-3/4)

- | (1) | (2) | (3) |
|--|--|---------|
| Adelaide, South Australia | C/-South Australia Regional Office (see/voir (6)) | 3662288 |
| (4) Forecasts and warnings on request. /
Prévisions et avis sur demande. | | |
| (5) Advice and information, instrument checks, log-books etc. /
Conseils et renseignements, vérification des instruments, livres de bord etc. | | |
| (6) Regional Director, Bureau of Meteorology, 25 College road, Kent Town, S.A. Tel. 3662222 | | |
| (1) | (2) | (3) |
| Brisbane, Queensland | C/-Queensland Regional Office (see/voir (6)) | 2252790 |
| (4) Forecasts and warnings on request. /
Prévisions et avis sur demande. | | |
| (5) Advice and information, instrument checks, log-books etc. /
Conseils et renseignements, vérification des instruments, livres de bord etc. | | |
| (6) Regional Director, Bureau of Meteorology, 295 Ann Street, Brisbane, Qld, Tel. 2252766 | | |
| (1) | (2) | (3) |
| Darwin, Northern Territory | C/-Northern Territory Regional Office (see/voir (6)) | 824717 |
| (4) Forecasts and warnings on request. /
Prévisions et avis sur demande. | | |
| (5) Advice and information, instrument checks, log-books etc. /
Conseils et renseignements, vérification des instruments, livres de bord etc. | | |
| (6) Regional Director, Bureau of Meteorology, 79-81 Smith Street, Darwin, N.T. Tel. 824711 | | |
| (1) | (2) | (3) |
| Freemantle,
Western Australia | Victoria Quay, (near Harbourmaster's Office)
Freemantle | 3358444 |
| (4) Forecasts and warnings on request. /
Prévisions et avis sur demande. | | |
| (5) Advice and information, instrument checks, log-books etc. /
Conseils et renseignements, vérification des instruments, livres de bord etc. | | |
| (6) Regional Director, Bureau of Meteorology, 127 Wellington Street, Perth, W.A. Tel. 4259299 | | |

Australia - Australie (continued/suite)

(1)	(2)	(3)
Hobart, Tasmania	C/-Tasmania Regional Office (see/voir (6))	206628
(4)	Forecasts and warnings on request. / Prévisions et avis sur demande.	
(5)	Advice and information, instrument checks, log-books etc. / Conseils et renseignements, vérification des instruments, livres de bord etc.	
(6)	Regional Director, Bureau of Meteorology, 20 Ellerslie Road, Hobart, TAS. Tel. 206666	
(1)	(2)	(3)
Melbourne, Victoria	14 Victoria Dock, Melbourne	621810
(4)	Forecasts and warnings on request. / Prévisions et avis sur demande.	
(5)	Advice and information, instrument checks, log-books etc. / Conseils et renseignements, vérification des instruments, livres de bord etc.	
(6)	Regional Director, Bureau of Meteorology, 150 Lonsdale Street, Melbourne. Vic. Tel. 6677600	
(1)	(2)	(3)
Sydney, New South Wales	C/- N.S.W. Regional Office (see/voir (6))	2698547
(4)	Forecasts and warnings on request. / Prévisions et avis sur demande.	
(5)	Advice and information, instrument checks, log-books etc. / Conseils et renseignements, vérification des instruments, livres de bord etc.	
(6)	Regional Director, Bureau of Meteorology, 162-166 Goulburn Street, Darlinghurst, N.S.W. Tel. 2698555	

4. Collection and dissemination of marine information

In view of the many VOS which are now or which will soon be operating INMARSAT-C terminals on board, a software package called TURBO-2 (TURBO Transmission of Weather Observations) has been developed by the Royal Netherlands Meteorological Institute (KNMI). The software is currently under test on the weather ship "Cumulus", and its purpose is to allow the ship staff to properly code the wather observation and then prepare a correctly formatted message for transmission via INMARSAT. Once the testing period is finished and the necessary modifications introduced, the software package will be made available to all Meteorological Services for use on board VOS. Furthe rinformation may be obtained directly from KNMI.