

## HONG KONG.

### CONFERENCE OF DIRECTORS OF FAR EASTERN WEATHER SERVICES, 1930.

#### NOTICE TO MARINERS.

*This Notice is not addressed to ships which observe at International Hours, use the International Code, and have their meteorological activities defined by International agreement.*

Shipping Companies and ship masters operating in the Far East are earnestly requested to co-operate in the forecasting and storm warning work of the various observatories by arranging for meteorological observations to be made in accordance with the programme given below, and transmitted to the observatories *via* the nearest wireless station.

2. It is requested that observations should be taken at 0600 and 2200 G.M.T. and also at 0300 and 0900 when possible, and transmitted to the nearest observatory as early as possible. Hourly observations are requested during typhoon weather.

3. The observations required are:—

- (a) Latitude (four figures) Longitude (five figures) Date, G.M.T. of observation (four figures).
- (b) Barometer reading (any unit) corrected for index error and reduced to 32 F., sea-level and standard gravity; adding "steady", "rising" or "falling", when possible. If sent without correction the reading to be followed by the word "uncorrected".
- (c) Air temperature (two figures of any scale).
- (d) Temperature of sea surface (two figures of any scale).
- (e) Wind direction and force (Beaufort) adding "steady", "veering" or "backing", when possible.
- (f) State of sea. (0-9)                      0 = calm, 8 = precipitous, 9 = confused.
- (g) Direction of swell, N., N.N.E., etc. or confused, and height of swell (None, low, moderate or heavy).
- (h) Visibility (0-9) (figures of table VI (b) International Code 1929. Fog to be reported under "weather").
- (i) Weather. (in plain language) "Fine" meaning sky less than  $\frac{1}{4}$  clouded, "fair"  $\frac{1}{4}$  to  $\frac{3}{4}$  clouded, "cloudy" more than  $\frac{3}{4}$  clouded, "overcast" sky covered with one impervious cloud. (These four conditions can be represented by symbols on the weather maps). Additional expressions to be used as required.
- (j) Name of ship.

Observations of the temperature of the sea surface are particularly requested, in connection with fog prediction.

A missing element to be indicated by "x" or "xx".