

### DSC WATCH - Coast stations participating in MF, HF and VHF watch-keeping using digital selective calling techniques

**DC1** Also keeps permanent watch for distress and safety traffic by radiotelephony on 2182 kHz.

### MED- ADVICE - Stations transmitting medical advice

**MD1** General instructions concerning medical consultation by wireless.

A service of radiomedical consultation has been organized in Belgium for the benefit of ships at sea, and is available at all hours of the day and night.

In radiotelephony, the urgency signal PAN PAN may be used.

The radiomedical will be signed by the master and will contain in the first words of the text a description of the medicine-chest carried by the ship; for example "coffre belge", "coffre anglais", etc. (Belgian chest, English chest, etc.). In order that the doctor consulted may take into account the resources available on board the ship, it is important that the radiotelegram seeking advice should contain the necessary information on this point.

The radiomedical should describe in a concise but clear and complete manner all the visible symptoms of the patient and those felt by him. In every case, it is desirable to furnish the age and sex of the patient, the date of the accident or of the beginning of the illness, the temperature and pulse, and the general condition of the patient. The message should also state whether the patient has previously suffered from a so called "hot-country" illness or whether he has recently stopped at ports suspected of being seats of exotic or infectious diseases. In the case of burns, the position, extent and depth of the burns should be stated. In cases of suspected fracture, the message should state whether there is deformation of the limb or swelling of the joint and whether or not the limb can be moved.

The radiomedical may be drawn up in French, Dutch or English.

The radiomedical consultation service (enquiry and reply) is entirely free of charge.

### METEO - Stations transmitting regular meteorological bulletins

**BM1** Meteorological bulletins for Belgian coastal waters transmitted by radiotelephony, on 2761 kHz and 161.95 MHz, in English and Dutch, after preliminary announcement on 2182 kHz (H3E) and 156.80 MHz (G3E).

**BM2** Storm and gale warnings are transmitted in radiotelephony on the same frequencies as the meteorological bulletins:

- a) on receipt at the coast station; this emission is also announced on 2187.5 kHz and 156.525 MHz (DSC);
- b) then at H + 03 and H + 33 or H + 33 and H + 03.

Preliminary announcement and transmission are preceded by the "SÉCURITÉ" signal in radiotelephony.

**BM3** The transmission is done by MRCC-OOSTENDE RADIO when wind speed is expected to reach Beaufort Force 6 or above in the river Schelde.

**BM4** On receipt and once at H+48, after preliminary announcement on 156.80 MHz (G3E).

## **NOTICE NAV - Stations transmitting notices to navigators**

**NA1** **SUP**

**NA2** Transmissions by radiotelephony, in English, after preliminary announcement on 156.80 MHz (G3E), are as follows:

- a) immediately after receipt at the coast station;
- b) then at H + 03 and H + 33 or H + 33 and H + 03.

**NA3** The Decca navigator fault warnings are transmitted on the working frequencies immediately after preliminary announcement on 2182 kHz and 156.80 MHz. The preliminary announcement and transmission will be preceded by the safety signal "SÉCURITÉ".

Decca warnings are transmitted by radiotelephony (in English and Dutch):

- a) at H + 03 or H + 33 following the receipt of the warning;
- b) at H + 03 or H + 33 which occurs in the working hours for single operator ship stations;
- c) when a) and b) coincide, a second transmission follows the next period which occurs in the working hours for single operator ship stations.

**NA4** The transmission is done by MRCC-OOSTENDE RADIO.

**NA5** Notices to navigators and pilot service messages are transmitted on 2761 kHz and 161.95 MHz, in English and Dutch, after preliminary announcement on 2182 kHz and 156.80 MHz, in English.

Moreover, these notices and messages are announced on 2182 and 156.80 MHz and broadcast on 2761 kHz and 161.95 MHz, immediately after receipt at the coast station - this emission is also announced on 2187.5 kHz and 156.525 MHz (DSC) - and at H + 03 and H + 33 or H + 33 and H + 03 following the receipt.

## **CP - Coast stations providing a public correspondence service**

**General Information.**

The radiomaritime services are operated by: Ministry of Defence, Belgian Navy, Radio Maritieme Diensten, Graaf Jansdijk 1, 8380 Zeebrugge.

**VHF service**

The VHF coast stations serving inland waterways, i.e. GENT RADIO, KORTRIJK RADIO, LIEGE RADIO, MOL RADIO and RONQUIERES RADIO keep a provisional watch on channel 24 but only for distress, urgency and safety communications.

NOTES.

- CP1 Coast station MRCC-OOSTENDE RADIO acts as intermediary for:
  - a) the radiotelephone transmission of radiotelegrams. Rates are the same as for radiotelegraph transmission;
  - b) the establishment of radiotelephone calls with subscribers in Belgium and abroad.
- CP2 The station may also transmit from Wingene located at 51° 04' 44" N 003° 20' 08" E.
- CP3 Remotely controlled from MRCC-OOSTENDE RADIO.
- CP4 **SUP**
- CP5 **SUP**
- CP6 Used only for distress, urgency and safety communications.

**AAIC - Charges and accounting authorities**

A Accounting authority: Ministère de la Défense, Forces Armées belges, Services Radiomaritimes, Graaf Jansdijk 1, 8380 Zeebrugge (Belgium).  
TF: +32 59 255493  
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B Radiotelegrams

- 1. Land station charge: 0.37 SDR per word.  
This charge is reduced to 0.28 SDR per word for each message exchanged with a ship of the Belgian navy or with a Belgian fishing, towage, pilotage or police boat.
- 2. Landline charge (binary system):

- a) Belgium .....
- b) Europe including Algeria, Cyprus, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Morocco and Tunisia.....
- c) Other countries .....

	Per radiotelegram SDR	Per word SDR
a) Belgium .....	8.70	0.18
b) Europe including Algeria, Cyprus, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Morocco and Tunisia.....	8.70	0.27
c) Other countries .....	8.70	0.50

H Radiotelephone calls

1. Land station charge

Manual operation (minimum 3 min.)

MF: 2.– SDR/min.\*

HF: 2.60 SDR/min.\*

3.20 SDR/min. (for a call payable by a telephone subscriber outside Belgium).

VHF: 1.20 SDR/min.\*

2. Landline charge

Belgium: the landline charge is included in the land station charge.

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\* This charge is reduced to:

MF: 1.60 SDR/min.

HF: 2.40 SDR/min.

3.–SDR/min. (for a call payable by a telephone subscriber outside Belgium).

VHF: 1.–SDR/min.

for each telephone message exchanged with a Belgian fishing, towage, pilotage or police boat.

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