

6. The W/T stations broadcasting messages will use their own call signs and will indicate the Naval Authority originating the message at the beginning of the text. For example, a message broadcast by Aden W/T station from Commander-in-Chief, East Indies, for merchant ships in Area 3 B : CT GBMS 3 GBMS 3 GBMS 3 DE GZQ GZQ GZQ BT from Commander-in-Chief, East Indies, BT. During the period 1st March to 30th April, 1926, H.M. ships engaged in the prevention of smuggling arms will be operating without lights in the Persian Gulf BT 1030 (*) BT Repetition BT from Commander-in-Chief, &c., &c., BT 1030 (*) AR VA.

NOTE.—(*) This is G.M.T. at which the message was ordered to be sent. It may be followed by the date, thus :—“ 1030 NR 15 NR 2.”

7. The procedure outlined in this organization is not intended to interfere with or replace existing arrangements for broadcasting to merchant ships messages concerning navigational dangers, weather reports, or gale warnings. Where routine arrangements exist for broadcasting such messages, those arrangements will continue in force.

8. Normally, the organization promulgated herein is not in operation, but, to test its efficiency, it is introduced at irregular intervals for trial purposes for one week.

During these periods, “ test ” messages will be issued by the Admiralty to all British merchant ships, and by the Naval Authorities responsible for the respective areas shown in the Schedule to British merchant ships in those areas. Rugby and Oxford will not, however, broadcast on Sundays, while Falklands will do so only on 125 kc/s (2,400 metres).

Further, these “ test ” messages will not be broadcast by the 500 kc/s (600 metres) stations shown in the Schedule, but, instead, brief “ warning ” messages will be broadcast daily from all these stations (except in Area 1, where only four stations will broadcast—viz., Malin Head, Land’s End, North Foreland, and Cullercoats), stating that the test period is in force. These broadcasts will take place twice daily during the single-operator periods, and will be in the form “ GBMS in force for test until ” The warning message may also be transmitted from Rugby and Oxford at the commencement of the tests, during the transmission of the traffic lists at 0048 and 1248. No prior notice will be given of the dates of the “ test ” periods which will commence with the promulgation of the first “ test ” message.

9. The organization may be brought into force at any time, should occasion arise to transmit messages of special importance to British merchant ships.

The messages from the Admiralty to all areas at a time of national emergency will be issued in alphabetical sequence, thus :—“ Admiralty Message A ”, “ Admiralty Message B ”, &c. This is to enable merchant ships to check that they have not missed any messages in the series.

Any messages which have been missed should on no account be asked for by W/T. They should be obtained by V/S from H.M. Ships or other British merchant vessels or by personal application to the British Naval Representative or Consular authorities at the next port of call.

10. If and when such occasion arises to bring the organization into force, either generally or in any particular area, messages notifying its introduction will be issued by the Admiralty and/or by the Naval Authority responsible for the area or areas concerned. When such messages are necessary every available means of reaching merchant ships will be employed—i.e., the messages will be broadcast not only by Rugby and Oxford and the other stations at the times shown in the Schedule, but also where stations included in the organization transmit navigational warnings, weather reports, &c., at routine periods, messages notifying its introduction will be broadcast during those periods. Such messages will bear the address “ All British merchant ships ” or “ British merchant ships in area,” in full; the use of the call signs mentioned in paragraph 2 above will commence when the organization is brought into force.

SCHEDULE.

NOTE.—The transmission from Rugby on 16 kc/s (18,750 metres) at 2000 G.M.T. is intended primarily for ships in Area 5, and that on 8,640 kc/s (34.72 metres) at 2000 G.M.T. for ships in Areas 3, 4, 5, and 6.

Area (see Chart).	Naval Authority who will arrange Transmission.	W/T Stations by which messages will be transmitted.	Call Sign.	Wave. Kc/s (metres). Type A1 except on 500 kc/s (600 metres) or where otherwise stated.	Times of Transm. G.M.T.
All areas	Admiralty	Rugby	GBR	16 kc/s (18,750)	} 0000, 2000
		Oxford	GIC	8,640 kc/s (34.72)	
			GIM*	12,975 kc/s (23.12)	
		Rugby	GBR	16 kc/s (18,750)	} 1200
		Oxford	GIM	12,975 kc/s (23.12)	
			GLA	19,640 kc/s (15.27)	
		Falklands	VPC	8,450 kc/s (35.5)	0410, 1610

* Oxford (GIJ) on 6,985 kc/s replaces (GIM) for the 0000 transmission during November, December, and January.