



List of GTS bulletin headers for buoy data

Table 1: Data distributed from the US Argos Global Processing Centre, Lanham, USA

Bulletin header (BUOY)	Bulletin header (BUFR)	Deployment area	Remark
SSVX02 KARS	IOBX02 KARS	GDP	Same
SSVX07 KARS	IOBX07 KARS	Arctic	New
SSVX08 KARS	IOBX08 KARS	TAO, PIRATA, RAMA	Was SSVX40 for TAO
SSVX12 KARS	IOBX12 KARS	Arctic, Antarctic, sea ice	Arctic, Antarctic merged
SSVX13 KARS	IOBX13 KARS	GDP	New
SSVX42 KARS	IOBX42 KARS	NOAA/NDBC, Southern Hemisphere	Was SSVX02
SSVX44 KARS	IOBX44 KARS	NE Pacific Ocean (USA, and Canada)	Was SSVX18
SSVX48 KARS	IOBX48 KARS	NOAA/NDBC, Northern Hemisphere	Was SSVX08
SSVX96 KARS	IOBX96 KARS	NDBC	Same
SSVX02 KARS	IOBX06 KARS	GDP	Former IOBX02
SSVX08 KARS	IOBX10 KARS	TAO, PIRATA, RAMA	Former IOBX08
SSVX12 KARS	IOBX16 KARS	Arctic and Antarctic	Former IOBX12
	IOBX18 KARS	Other Drifter Buoys	Former IOBX03
	IOBX04 KARS	Other Moored Buoys	

Table 2: Data distributed from the French Argos Global Processing Centre, Toulouse, France

Bulletin header (BUOY)	Bulletin header (BUFR)	Deployment area	Remark
SSVX01 LFWW	IOBX01 LFWW	North Atlantic	Same
SSVX03 LFWW	IOBX03 LFWW	Southern Hemisphere and ISABP ISABP	Same
SSVX07 LFWW	IOBX07 LFWW	Arctic, Antarctic, and sea ice	Arctic, Antarctic merged
SSVX11 LFWW	IOBX11 LFWW	TAO/PIRATA/RAMA networks	New
SSVX13 LFWW	IOBX13 LFWW	GDP	New
SSVX39 LFWW	IOZX39 LFWW	French West Indies	Was SSVX19
SSVX13 LFWW	IOBX05 LFWW	GDP	Former IOBX13
SSVX11 LFWW	IOBX09 LFWW	Triton	Former IOBX11
SSVX07 LFWW	IOBX15 LFWW	Arctic, Antarctic, and sea ice	Former IOBX07
SSVX01 LFWW	IOBX17 LFWW	Other Drifter Buoys	Former IOBX01

	IOBX19 LFWW	Other Moored Buoys	
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Backup procedure in case one of the two Argos global processing centres fails (Tables 1 and 2 only): If one centre fails, the other centre processes all the data, i.e. the data it normally processed plus the data the other centre normally processes. Hence, when an Argos centre is in backup mode, it will generate bulletins with even and odd numbers (in normal mode, only even numbers are used by Lanham, and odd numbers by Toulouse). In other words:

- In case the French Argos Global Processing Center in Toulouse fails, the US Argos Processing Center in Largo is switched to backup mode. In that case, GTS bulletins normally distributed from Toulouse under TTAAii LFWW bulletin headers are distributed from Lanham under TTAAii KARS bulletin headers (e.g. SSVX01 LFWW becomes SSVX01 KARS and is sent out from Lanham).
- In case the US Argos Global Processing Center in Largo fails, the French Argos Processing Center in Toulouse is switched to backup mode. In that case, GTS bulletins normally distributed from Lanham under TTAAii KARS bulletin headers are distributed from Toulouse under TTAAii LFWW bulletin headers (e.g. SSVX04 KARS becomes SSVX04 LFWW and is sent out from Toulouse).

Remark concerning GDP: GDP drifters deployed world-wide may also participate in a DBCP regional action groups (e.g. ISABP if deployed in the South Atlantic). Nevertheless, reports from GDP Lagrangian drifters are normally included under the specific GDP bulletin headers as shown in tables 1 and 2.

Table 3: Data routed from the National Data Buoy Center (NDBC), Mississippi, USA, based on data received from Service Argos Inc. (SAI), Landover MD, USA

Bulletin header (BUOY)	Bulletin header (BUFR)	Deployment area	Remark
SNVD01 KWNB		Coastal USA	
SIVD15-18 KWNB			
SNVD15-18 KWNB			
SMVD15-18 KWNB			
SSVX02 KWNB			TAO Adrift
SSVX08 KWNB			TAO Moored Buoys
	IOBF08 KWNB	nominal position east of 180	TAO Moored Buoys
	IOBG08 KWNB	nominal position on or west of 180	TAO Moored Buoys
S?VD15 KWNB		Atlantic offshore and Gulf of Mexico	FM 13 Moored Buoys
S?VD17 KWNB		Pacific offshore	FM 13 Moored Buoys
S?VD19 KWNB		Alaska and Bering Sea	FM 13 Moored Buoys
S?VD20 KWNB		Atlantic Coastal	FM 13 Moored Buoys
S?VD22 KWNB		Pacific Coastal	FM 13 Moored Buoys
S?VD45 KWNB		Great Lakes	FM 13 Moored Buoys
S?VE15 KWNB		Hawaii	FM 13 Moored Buoys
SZIO01 KWNB		Indian Ocean	DART Buoy messages
SZNT01 KWNB		North Atlantic	DART Buoy messages
SZPN01 KWNB		North Pacific	DART Buoy messages
SZPS01 KWNB		South Pacific	DART Buoy messages
SXVX?0 KWNB		Southeast	FM65 Non-directional wave obs
SXVX?1 KWNB		Gulf of Mexico	FM65 Non-directional wave obs

SXVX?2 KWNB		Northeast	FM65 Non-directional wave obs
SXVX?3 KWNB		Great Lakes	FM65 Non-directional wave obs
SXVX?4 KWNB		Mid-Atlantic	FM65 Non-directional wave obs
SXVX?5 KWNB		Atlantic/Gulf of Mexico	FM65 Directional wave obs
SXVX?6 KWNB		Pacific	FM65 Non-directional wave obs
SXVX?7 KWNB		Pacific	FM65 Non-directional wave obs
SXVX?8 KWNB		Pacific	FM65 Non-directional wave obs
SXVX?9 KWNB		Pacific	FM65 Directional wave obs
SOVD83 KWNB			FM64 TESAC Messages
	IOBX01 KWNB		Drifter data in non validated BUFR

Table 4: Data routed from NOAA, Washington DC, USA, based on data received from Service Argos

Bulletin header (BUOY)	Bulletin header (BUFR)	Deployment area	Remark
SSVX12 KWBC		Arctic Ocean	
SSVX02 KWBC		NOAA/NDBC Global	
SNVD01 KWBC		NOAA/NDBC, Global	
SNVE01 KWBC		NOAA/NDBC, Global	
SSVX04 KWBC		Arctic, IABP	
SSVX42 KWBC		NOAA/NDBC, Southern Hemisphere	Was SSVX02 KWBC
SSVX48 KWBC		NOAA/NDBC, Northern Hemisphere	Was SSVX08 KWBC
SNVD01 KWNB		Coastal USA	
SIVD15-18 KWNB			
SNVD15-18 KWNB			
SMVD15-18 KWNB			
SOVD03 KWBC			FM64 TESAC
SOVD06 KWBC			FM64 TESAC
SOVD83 KWBC			FM64 TESAC
SOVD83 KWNB			FM64 TESAC
	ISSA[A-L][15/17/20/22] KWNB		NOAA
	IOB[B/C]18 KPML	OceanSITES Pacific	From PMEL
SSVX08 KWNB	IOBF08 KWNB	East of 180	TAO data
	IOBG08 KWNB	on or West of 180	
	IOBX05 KWBC	Arctic, IABP(Old BUFR template)	From Pacific Gyre
	IOBX06 KWBC	Official new template 315009	From Pacific Gyre
	IOBX01 KWBC	Non validated BUFR format	SIO data
	IOBX02 KWBC	Official new template 315009	SIO data

Table 5: Data routed from Montreal

Bulletin header (BUOY)	Bulletin header (BUFR)	Deployment area	Remark
SSVX02 CWAO	IOBX02 CWAO	All Oceans	
SSVX05 CWAO	IOBX05 CWAO	All Oceans	
	IOBX12 CWAO	All Oceans	Volunteered (third party, commercial) non-MSD drifting buoys
	IOBX15 CWAO	All Oceans	Non-commercial MSD drifting buoys
SOVD05 CWAO		All Oceans	FM-65 WAVEOB
SXCN19 CWAO		All Oceans	FM-18

Table 6: Data routed from Halifax Local User Terminal (LUT)

Bulletin header (BUOY)	Bulletin header (BUFR)	Deployment area	Remark
SIVD17 CWHX		NorthWest Atlantic Ocean	
SSVX01 CWHX		NorthWest Atlantic Ocean	
SNVD17 CWHX		NorthWest Atlantic Ocean	

Table 7: Data routed from the Centre de Meteorologie Marine, Brest

Bulletin header (BUOY)	Bulletin header (BUFR)	Deployment area	Remark
SSV[D/F]50 LFPW		Wave buoys	
SSVX13 LFPW	IOB[A-L]nn LFPW		SVP drifters
	ISS[D/E][11/30/41] LFPW		Moored buoys

Table 8: Data routed from the Japan Meteorological Agency

Bulletin header (BUOY)	Bulletin header (BUFR)	Deployment area	Remark
SSVX01 RJTD		Pacific Ocean (Japan, marine stations and buoys)	
SSVB01 - SSVB19 RJTD		Pacific Ocean (Japan, marine stations and buoys)	
	IOB[A-D, I-L]1[1-3] RJTD	Pacific Ocean (Japan, marine stations and buoys)	

Table 9: Data routed from the India

Bulletin header (BUOY)	Bulletin header (BUFR)	Deployment area	Remark
SSVX01 DEMS		Indian Ocean (India, North Indian Ocean)	

Table 10: Data routed from the Korean Meteorological Administration

Bulletin header (BUOY)	Bulletin header (BUFR)	Deployment area	Remark
SMVX01 RKSL		North Pacific	
SMVX25 RKSL		North Pacific	

SNVX21 RKSL		North Pacific	
SSWB41 RKSL		North Pacific	
SSWB19 RKSL		North Pacific	
SSWX01 RKSL		North Pacific	

Table 13: Additional Bulletins sent from European Centres

Bulletin header (BUOY)	Bulletin header (BUFR)	Deployment area	Remark
SMVB01 EGRR		Northern Atlantic and Arctic	
SMVD01 EGRR			
SMVD10 EHDB			
SMVX25 EDZW			
SMVX42 EDZW			
SMVX43 EDZW			
SMVX45 EDZW			
SNVX21 EDZW			
SSVF01 BIRK			
SSVF11 LIIB			
SSVF21 EIDB			
	IOBA21 EIDB		Ireland Moored Buoys
	IOBX[01-20] LEMM	Mediterranean	(Spain) provisional
	IOBD23 LIIB		(Italy) provisional
	IOBD01 LGAT		(Greece) provisional
	ISSX81 EDZW		(Germany) BSH/DWD
	ISS[A/D][01/11/16] EGRR		(UK)
	IOWAnn EGRR		(UK) Wave data only
	ISSA22 EIDB		(Ireland)

Table 14: Data routed from Southern Atlantic

Bulletin header (BUOY)	Bulletin header (BUFR)	Deployment area	Remark
SSVX01 SBBR		Brazil	

Table 14: Data routed from Hong Kong

Bulletin header (BUOY)	Bulletin header (BUFR)	Deployment area	Remark
	IOBC01 VHHH		Drifter buoys