In addition the master of the ship shall send as much of the following information as lies within his power:—

(3) The barometric pressure, with an indication whether such pressure is given in millibars, inches or millimetres and whether the reading is corrected or uncorrected.
(4) The change in barometric pressure during the previous three hours.
(5) The true direction of the wind.
(6) The wind force according to the Beaufort Scale.
(7) The state of the sea (smooth, moderate, rough or high).
(8) The swell (slight, moderate or heavy) and the true direction from which it comes.
(9) The period or length of the swell (short, average or long).

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This Note is not part of the Rules, but is intended to indicate their general purport.)

These Rules prescribe the nature of the information to be sent by the masters of British ships registered in the United Kingdom on meeting with dangerous ice, a dangerous derelict, a tropical storm or any other direct danger to navigation. The Rules also prescribe the authorities on shore to which the information is to be sent in addition to being sent to ships in the vicinity. The Rules implement provisions of the International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea, 1948, relating to danger messages.

1954 No. 143

The Merchant Shipping (Safety Convention Countries) (Various) Order, 1954

Made - - - - 10*th February*, 1954
Laid before Parliament 11*th February*, 1954
*Coming into Operation upon the date of publication in the London Gazette**

At the Court of Saint James, the 10th day of February, 1954

Present,

Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother.
Her Royal Highness The Princess Margaret.
His Royal Highness The Duke of Gloucester.

Lord President — **Captain Thorneycroft**
Lord De L'Isle and Dudley — **Mr. Boyd-Carpenter**
Mr. Buchan-Hepburn — **Sir Lionel Heald**

Whereas Her Majesty, in pursuance of the Regency Acts, 1937 to 1953, was pleased, by Letters Patent dated the twentieth day of November, 1953, to

* 16th February, 1954.

delegate to Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother, Her Royal Highness The Princess Margaret, His Royal Highness The Duke of Gloucester, Her Royal Highness The Princess Royal and the Earl of Harewood, or any two or more of them, as Counsellors of State, full power and authority during the period of Her Majesty's absence from the United Kingdom to summon and hold on Her Majesty's behalf Her Privy Council and to signify thereat Her Majesty's approval of anything for which Her Majesty's approval in Council is required:

And Whereas by section 31 of the Merchant Shipping (Safety Convention) Act, 1949(a), it is enacted that Her Majesty, if satisfied that the government of any country has accepted the Safety Convention or that the Safety Convention extends to any territory, may, by Order in Council, make a declaration to that effect:

And Whereas Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother, Her Royal Highness The Princess Margaret and His Royal Highness The Duke of Gloucester are satisfied that the Governments of the countries specified in the Schedule to this Order have accepted the Safety Convention:

And Whereas Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother, Her Royal Highness The Princess Margaret and His Royal Highness The Duke of Gloucester are satisfied that the Safety Convention extends to the territory of the Federation of Malaya.

Now, therefore, Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother, Her Royal Highness The Princess Margaret and His Royal Highness The Duke of Gloucester, being authorised thereto by the said Letters Patent, and in pursuance of the powers conferred by the aforesaid section and of all other powers in that behalf, do hereby, by and with the advice of Her Majesty's Privy Council, on Her Majesty's behalf order, and it is hereby ordered, as follows:—

1. It is hereby declared that the governments of the countries specified in the Schedule to this Order have accepted the Safety Convention.

2. It is hereby declared that the Safety Convention extends to the territory of the Federation of Malaya.

3. This Order may be cited as the Merchant Shipping (Safety Convention Countries) (Various) Order, 1954, and shall come into operation upon the date of its publication in the London Gazette.

W. G. Agnew.

SCHEDULE

Republic of Finland.
Republic of Ireland.
State of Viet-Nam.

(a) 12, 13 & 14 Geo. 6. c. 43.