

ROYAL OBSERVATORY, HONG KONG.

No. 933.

LOCAL STORM SIGNAL CODE.

The local Storm Signal Code as amended by agreement between the Royal Observatory, Hong Kong, and the Central Weather Bureau, Manila, is published for information. It will become operative on 1st January, 1935.

Night Signals.

SIGNAL.	SYMBOL.	3 LIGHTS VERTICAL.	MEANING.
1	Black T	White White White	A depression or typhoon exists which may possibly affect the locality.
*2	Black horizontal bar	White Green White	Strong wind with squalls may possibly occur from SW.
*3	Black inverted T	Green White Green	Strong wind with squalls may possibly occur from SE.
*4	Black diamond	White White Red	Typhoon dangerous, but danger to locality not imminent.
5	Black cone, point upward.	White Green Green	Gale expected from the NW (W-N).
6	Black cone, point downward.	Green White White	Gale expected from the SW (S-W).
7	Two black cones, points upward.	Green Green White	Gale expected from the NE (N-E).
8	Two black cones, points downward.	White White Green	Gale expected from the SE (E-S).
†9	Black hour glass	Green Green Green	Gale expected to increase.
10	Black cross	Red Green Red	Wind of typhoon force expected (any direction).

(* Not used in Hong Kong.)

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Supplementary Signals.

SIGNAL.	SYMBOL.	2 LIGHTS VERTICAL.	MEANING.
	Red T	Red Green	No. 1 hoisted in Hong Kong harbour.
	Red cone, point upward ...	Green Green	Nos. 5, 6, 7, 8, 9 or 10 hoisted in Hong Kong harbour.

Day and night signals are displayed at the Royal Observatory, Harbour Office, H.M.S. Tamar, Lyeemun (near Field Officer's quarters), Gough Hill (Police Station), Kowloon Tong (north of La Salle College, Prince Edward Road).

Day signals only are displayed at Green Island, the premises of the Hong Kong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Ltd., and the Socony Vacuum Co., at Laichikok; night signals only on the tower of the Kowloon Railway Station.

Supplementary signals are displayed at Aberdeen, Cheung Chau, Gap Rock, Ping Shan, Stanley, Shaukiwan, Saikung, Shataukok, Taipo, Tsun Wan, Tai O and Waglan. They are also hoisted on Police cruising launches and on Police launches Nos. 5 and 6.

Signal No. 1 is a cautionary or "stand by" signal, and does not necessarily imply bad weather. Signals Nos. 5 to 8 convey definite warning of expected gales and will not be hoisted until such gales are probable at Gap Rock and/or Hong Kong, or when a typhoon is sufficiently near to the Colony to warrant a danger signal, although the occurrence of a gale may be uncertain.

Signal No. 10 will be accompanied by three explosive bombs fired at intervals of 10 seconds at the Water Police Station and at the Harbour Office. It will be displayed as early as possible when wind of typhoon force (80 m.p.h.) is expected; in many cases, therefore, No. 9 will not be utilised.

Signals will be lowered when danger is considered to be over.

N.B.—Illustrated copies of the code may be obtained on application to the Royal Observatory.

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