

TO: Ship Masters
FROM: Japan Meteorological Agency

Subject: **PMO barometer checking update**

The Japan Meteorological Agency (JMA) is grateful to all ship officers, crew and supporting staff for their ongoing contribution to marine observation and reporting. Marine meteorological data are indispensable in providing weather information for ships, such as meteorological forecasts and warnings.

Since February 2020, JMA Port Meteorological Officer (PMO) visiting services to ships have been suspended due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

In the interests of safety, **JMA will quit PMO visits in April 2021 and instead provide checking services via e-mail for ships calling at Japanese ports, along with promotion of independent barometer checking services online.**

◇ After 1st April 2021, the new barometer check request form will be available at

<https://marine.kishou.go.jp/en/baro-en.html>

◇ Forms can be submitted to pmo@climar.kishou.go.jp

◇ Independent barometer checking is available at

<https://marine.kishou.go.jp/baro-chk/>

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