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SERVICE CHANGE NOTICE 07-37  
NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE HEADQUARTERS WASHINGTON DC  
1005 AM EDT FRI MAY 25 2007

TO: DESIGNATED GOVERNMENT AGENCIES OF THE IOCARIBE  
FAMILY OF SERVICES /FOS/ SUBSCRIBERS  
NOAA WEATHER WIRE SERVICE /NWS/ SUBSCRIBERS  
EMERGENCY MANAGERS WEATHER INFORMATION NETWORK /EMWIN/  
SUBSCRIBERS  
NOAAPORT SUBSCRIBERS  
OTHER NWS PARTNERS...USERS AND EMPLOYEES

FROM: THERESE Z. PIERCE  
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SUBJECT: NEW TSUNAMI PRODUCTS AVAILABLE FOR THE CARIBBEAN: EFFECTIVE JUNE  
27 2007

EFFECTIVE WEDNESDAY JUNE 27 2007 AT 1800 COORDINATED UNIVERSAL TIME  
/UTC/...1400 EASTERN DAYLIGHT TIME /EDT/...OR 1400 ATLANTIC STANDARD TIME  
/AST/...AN INTERIM TSUNAMI WARNING PLAN FOR THE FOLLOWING NATIONS OF THE  
CARIBBEAN WILL BE IMPLEMENTED UNTIL SUCH TIME AS THIS CAPABILITY CAN BE  
MANAGED INDEPENDENTLY WITHIN THE REGION. THE NATIONS ARE THOSE OF THE  
INTERGOVERNMENTAL OCEANOGRAPHIC COMMISSION /IOC/ OF THE UNITED NATIONS  
EDUCATIONAL...SCIENTIFIC AND CULTURAL ORGANIZATION /UNESCO/ SUB-COMMISSION  
FOR THE CARIBBEAN AND ADJACENT REGIONS /IOCARIBE/.

ANTIGUA AND BARBUDA	HAITI
ARUBA	HONDURAS
BAHAMAS	JAMAICA
BARBADOS	MEXICO
BELIZE	NETHERLANDS+
BRAZIL	NICARAGUA
COLOMBIA	PANAMA
COSTA RICA	SAINT KITTS AND NEVIS
CUBA	SAINT LUCIA
DOMINICA	SAINT VINCENT AND GRENADINES
DOMINICAN REPUBLIC	SURINAME
FRANCE	TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO
GRENADA	UNITED KINGDOM+
GUATEMALA	VENEZUELA
GUYANA	

+ THESE ARE NATIONS WITH TERRITORIES LOCATED IN THE CARIBBEAN.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 27 2007...THE PACIFIC TSUNAMI WARNING CENTER /PTWC/ WILL IMPLEMENT A SUITE OF TWO TSUNAMI PRODUCTS FOR THE CARIBBEAN. THE TSUNAMI MESSAGE PROVIDES WATCH INFORMATION ABOUT A POTENTIAL TSUNAMI INCLUDING ITS SOURCE AND THE ESTIMATED TIME OF ARRIVAL OF INITIAL WAVES AT LOCATIONS INCLUDED IN THE WATCH AREA. IT WILL INCLUDE AN EVALUATION OF THE POTENTIAL FOR TSUNAMI IMPACT. IT IS NOT AUTHORITATIVE...BUT IS INTENDED AS ADVICE TO DESIGNATED GOVERNMENT AGENCIES IN EACH COUNTRY.

THE TSUNAMI INFORMATION STATEMENT WILL CONTAIN INFORMATION ABOUT SIGNIFICANT EARTHQUAKES WHICH ARE NOT LIKELY TO TRIGGER A TSUNAMI. IT IS NOT AUTHORITATIVE...BUT IS INTENDED AS ADVICE TO DESIGNATED GOVERNMENT AGENCIES IN EACH COUNTRY.

THE COMMUNICATIONS HEADINGS AND IDENTIFIERS FOR THESE PRODUCTS ARE LISTED IN TABLE 1. IMPORTANT NOTE: USERS OF NWS PRODUCTS MUST UPDATE THEIR COMMUNICATION SYSTEM DIRECTORIES TO RECEIVE THESE PRODUCTS.

TABLE 1. TSUNAMI PRODUCTS FOR THE CARIBBEAN

PRODUCT NAME	WMO HEADING	AWIPS ID
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TSUNAMI MESSAGE	WECA41 PHEB	TSUCAX
TSUNAMI INFORMATION STATEMENT	WECA43 PHEB	TIBCAX

EXAMPLES OF THESE PRODUCTS CAN BE FOUND ONLINE AT /USE LOWER CASE/:

[HTTP://WWW.PRH.NOAA.GOV/PTWC/ABOUT MESSAGES.PHP](http://www.prh.noaa.gov/ptwc/about_messages.php)

THE NORMAL 120-DAY NOTIFICATION PERIOD ASSOCIATED WITH SERVICE CHANGE NOTICES INTRODUCING NEW NWS PRODUCTS WAS WAIVED IN THE INTEREST OF PROTECTING LIFE AND PROPERTY WITH THE PROVISION OF THESE NEW PRODUCTS FOR RESIDENTS OF THE CARIBBEAN REGION. ADDITIONALLY...JUNE 27 2007 COINCIDES WITH THE IMPLEMENTATION DATE TO PROVIDE NEW TSUNAMI PRODUCTS FOR THE SOUTH CHINA SEA AND THE INDIAN OCEAN. PLEASE SEE [SERVICE CHANGE NOTICES 07-35](#) AND [07-36](#)...RESPECTIVELY...FOR THOSE AREAS.

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS...PLEASE CONTACT:

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