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SERVICE CHANGE NOTICE 08-13 NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE HEADQUARTERS WASHINGTON DC 1045 AM EST THU FEB 28 2008

- TO: SUBSCRIBERS: -FAMILY OF SERVICES -NOAA WEATHER WIRE SERVICE -EMERGENCY MANAGERS WEATHER INFORMATION NETWORK -NOAAPORT OTHER NWS PARTNERS...USERS AND EMPLOYEES
- FROM: THERESE Z. PIERCE CHIEF...MARINE AND COASTAL SERVICES BRANCH

SUBJECT: CHANGE TO THE TROPICAL CYCLONE PUBLIC ADVISORY PRODUCT FOR THE EASTERN PACIFIC: EFFECTIVE MAY 15 2008

EFFECTIVE MAY 15 2008...THE TROPICAL PREDICTION CENTER/NATIONAL HURRICANE CENTER /NHC/ WILL CHANGE THE ISSUANCE CRITERIA FOR THE TROPICAL CYCLONE PUBLIC ADVISORY /TCP/ PRODUCT FOR STORMS IN THE EASTERN PACIFIC HURRICANE BASIN. THIS AREA OF RESPONSIBILITY BEGINS AT LONGITUDE 140 DEGREES WEST AND EXTENDS TO THE EAST.

THE FOLLOWING PRODUCTS ARE AFFECTED BY THIS CHANGE:

HURRICANE BASIN	AWIPS ID	WMO HEADING
EASTERN PACIFIC	TCPEP/1-5/	WTPZ/31-35/ KNHC

CURRENTLY...PUBLIC ADVISORIES FOR THE EASTERN PACIFIC HURRICANE BASIN ARE ISSUED ONLY WHEN TROPICAL OR SUBTROPICAL CYCLONES ARE EXPECTED TO THREATEN LAND AREAS WITHIN 48 HOURS. EFFECTIVE MAY 15 2008...PUBLIC ADVISORIES WILL BE ISSUED FOR ALL EASTERN PACIFIC TROPICAL OR SUBTROPICAL CYCLONES...REGARDLESS OF PROXIMITY TO LAND AREAS.

THIS CHANGE IN ISSUANCE CRITERIA FOR EASTERN PACIFIC /TCP/ PRODUCTS PROVIDES A UNIFORM SERVICE LEVEL ACROSS THE ATLANTIC...EASTERN PACIFIC...AND CENTRAL PACIFIC HURRICANE BASINS. THERE ARE NO OTHER CHANGES TO THE PRODUCT.

ADDITIONAL DETAILS ON THE /TCP/ MAY BE FOUND AT /USE LOWER CASE/:

HTTP://WWW.NHC.NOAA.GOV/ABOUTNHCPROD.SHTML

IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS...PLEASE CONTACT:

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