***Marine Weather Forecaster Performance Criterion 2.3: Direct Observation***

***C2.3 Ensure that forecasts are prepared and issued in accordance with the Manual on Marine Meteorological Services (WMO-No. 558, volumes I & II) and/or national standard operating procedures, including format, codes and technical regulations on content, accuracy and timeliness***

***Performance Criterion comments:***

The forecaster ensures that scheduled forecast products are issued according to regulations

**Scenario**:

During an assessment period the forecaster is asked to issue the regularly scheduled forecasts within an area of responsibility.

For direct observation C2.3, the forecaster can be asked to apply a “think-aloud” protocol to describe regulations being followed and their source

**Evidence of competency checklist**:

The forecaster produces and issues regularly scheduled forecasts and unscheduled forecasts and warnings or amendments within an allotted period while maintaining other duties, including

* Marine Weather Warnings, Strong Wind Warnings, International Waters Marine Warnings, Coastal Weather Warnings

The forecaster applies knowledge of coding and format regulations to correctly issue forecasts according to WMO standards and local rules

* issuing forecasts according to approved procedures and processes
* applying rules of forecast writing
* applying rules and procedures of correction
* correctly uses WMO code form for forecasts
* correctly uses agreed upon formats
* correctly uses approved WMO abbreviations