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## Section II. Miscellaneous Abbreviations and Signals

Abbreviation or signal	Definition
AA	<i>All after ... (used after a question mark in radiotelegraphy or after RQ in radiotelephony (in case of language difficulties) or after RPT, to request a repetition).</i>
AB	<i>All before ... (used after a question mark in radiotelegraphy or after RQ in radiotelephony (in case of language difficulties) or after RPT, to request a repetition).</i>
ADS	<i>Address (used after a question mark in radiotelegraphy or after RQ in radiotelephony (in case of language difficulties) or after RPT, to request a repetition).</i>
AR	End of transmission.
AS	Waiting period.
BK	Signal used to interrupt a transmission in progress.
BN	<i>All between ... and ... (used after a question mark in radiotelegraphy or after RQ in radiotelephony (in case of language difficulties) or after RPT, to request a repetition).</i>
BQ	A reply to an RQ.
BT	Signal to mark the separation between different parts of the same transmission.
C	Yes <i>or</i> "The significance of the previous group should be read in the affirmative".
CFM	Confirm ( <i>or</i> I confirm).
CL	I am closing my station.
COL	Collate ( <i>or</i> I collate).
CORRECTION	Cancel my last word <i>or</i> group. The correct word <i>or</i> group follows ( <i>used in radiotelephony, spoken as KOR-REK-SHUN</i> ).
CP	General call to two or more specified stations ( <i>see Recommendation ITU-R M.1170</i> ).
CQ	General call to all stations.
CS	Call sign ( <i>used to request a call sign</i> ).
DE	<i>"From ..."</i> ( <i>used to precede the name or other identification of the calling station</i> ).
DF	Your bearing at ... hours was ... degrees, in the doubtful sector of this station, with a possible error of ... degrees.
DO	Bearing doubtful. Ask for another bearing later ( <i>or</i> at ... hours).
DSC	Digital selective calling.
E	East (cardinal point).
ETA	Estimated time of arrival.

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INTERCO	International Code of Signals groups follow <i>(used in radiotelephony, spoken as IN-TER-CO)</i> .	
K	Invitation to transmit.	
$\overline{KA}$	Starting signal.	
KTS	Nautical miles per hour ( <i>knots</i> ).	
MIN	Minute ( <i>or</i> Minutes).	
MSG	Prefix indicating a message to or from the master of a ship concerning its operation or navigation.	
MSI	Maritime safety information.	
N	North (cardinal point).	
NBDP	Narrow-band direct-printing telegraphy.	
NIL	I have nothing to send to you.	
NO	No ( <i>negative</i> ).	
NW	Now.	
NX	Notice to Mariners ( <i>or</i> Notice to Mariners follows).	
OK	We agree ( <i>or</i> It is correct).	
OL	Ocean letter.	
P	Prefix indicating a private radiotelegram.	
PBL	Preamble <i>(used after a question mark in radiotelegraphy or after RQ in radiotelephony (in case of language difficulties) or after RPT, to request a repetition)</i> .	
PSE	Please.	
R	Received.	
RCC	Rescue coordination centre.	
REF	Reference to ... ( <i>or</i> Refer to ...).	
RPT	Repeat ( <i>or</i> I repeat) ( <i>or</i> Repeat ...).	
RQ	Indication of a request.	
S	South (cardinal point).	
SAR	Search and Rescue.	
SIG	Signature <i>(used after a question mark in radiotelegraphy or after RQ in radiotelephony (in case of language difficulties) or after RPT, to request a repetition)</i> .	
SLT	Radiomaritime Letter.	
SVC	Prefix indicating a service telegram.	
SYS	Refer to your service telegram.	
TFC	Traffic.	

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TR	Used by a land station to request the position and next port of call of a mobile station; used also as a prefix to the reply.	
TU	Thank you.	
TXT	Text <i>(used after a question mark in radiotelegraphy or after RQ in radiotelephony (in case of language difficulties) or after RPT, to request a repetition).</i>	
$\overline{VA}$	End of work.	
W	West (cardinal point).	
WA	Word after ... <i>(used after a question mark in radiotelegraphy or after RQ in radiotelephony (in case of language difficulties) or after RPT, to request a repetition).</i>	
WB	Word before ... <i>(used after a question mark in radiotelegraphy or after RQ in radiotelephony (in case of language difficulties) or after RPT, to request a repetition).</i>	
WD	Word(s) <i>or</i> Group(s).	
WX	Weather report ( <i>or</i> Weather report follows).	
XQ	Prefix used to indicate the transmission of a service note.	
YZ	The words which follow are in plain language.	

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*Note:* When used in radiotelegraphy, a bar over the letters composing a signal denotes that the letters are to be sent as one signal.