

## DEFINITIONS USED IN WEATHER BULLETINS

<b>Gale warnings:</b>	If average wind is expected F8 or more, mean gusts to 43km
<b>Strong wind:</b>	If average wind is expected F6 or F7
<b>Imminent:</b>	Expected within 6 hours of time of issue
<b>Soon:</b>	Expected within 6 to 12 hours of time of issue
<b>Later:</b>	Expected more than 12 hours from time of issue

### VISIBILITY

<b>Fog:</b>	Visibility less than 1000 metres
<b>Poor:</b>	Visibility 1000 metres to 2 nautical miles
<b>Moderate:</b>	Visibility 2 to 5 nautical miles
<b>Good:</b>	Visibility greater than 5 nautical miles

### MOVEMENT OF PRESSURE SYSTEMS

<b>Slowly:</b>	Less than 15 knots
<b>Steadily:</b>	15 to 25 knots
<b>Rather quickly:</b>	25 to 35 knots
<b>Rapidly:</b>	35 to 45 knots
<b>Very Rapidly:</b>	More than 45 knots
<b>Backing:</b>	Wind changing in anticlockwise direction
<b>Veering:</b>	Wind changing in clockwise direction

### SEA STATES

	Wave Height	
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<b>Smooth:</b>	0.2	-	0.5m
<b>Slight:</b>	0.5	-	1.25m
<b>Moderate:</b>	1.25	-	2.5m
<b>Rough:</b>	2.5	-	4m
<b>Very rough:</b>	4	-	6 m