METAR (Met Actual Report)

Station Ident Code ICAO four letter Code + (Plain Language Name)

Date/Time (UTC) of METAR Issue

Wind W/V (T°/Kts)

Major Wind Variation (if required, eg 120v320)

Visibility (M)

Runway Visual Range (RVR) (Direction of gen/minimum (Runway direction if applicable, and may also have:- U = increasing D = decreasing may be included) N = No change)

Weather Group

Cloud Group/Groups

Temperature/Dew Point (C°) M = Minus

QNH (hPa)

Recent Weather (if required)

Wind Shear (Rwy direction indicated)

Trend Forecast

(NO SIG or may have other groups for Wx, W/V, Vis etc)

Other Countries may add further groups for Runway Conditions etc. Not used in Ireland.

Notes:

- 1. The METAR takes the same general form as a TAF. However, because it is a statement of weather at a particular time, usually half hourly, it does not have a period of validity.
- The METAR ends with a TREND FORECAST, valid for two hours.
- Note also the additional information given in METAR, such as RVR, TEMP/DP, ONH etc.

SIGMET

311145 EISN SIGMET 01 VALID 311200/311500 EINN- SHANNON FIR/UIR- OCNL SEV TURB FCST W 0F 10W BTN FL 180/FL400 MOV E 30KT NC=

311521 EISN SIGMET 02 VALID 311500/311800 EINN- SHANNON FIR/UIR OCNL SEV TURB FCST FL190/400 W OF 8W MOV E 30KT NC

311738 EISN SIGMET 03 VALID 311800/312100 EINN- SHANNON FIR/UIR OCNL SEV TURB FCST FL190/380 WKN FROM W=

010835 EISN SIGMET 01 VALID 010845/011200 EINN- SHANNON FIR-OCNL SEV TURB FCST LAN BLW FL050 EXT E INT=

011041 EISN SIGMET 02 VALID 011130/011500 EINN- SHANNON FIR-UIR FREQ TS FCST W OF 14W S OF 54N. TOPS FL300 MOVING ENE AT 50KTS NC=

Sigmets are issued with a numeric sequence. They identify the station of issue, the period of validity and the geographical area to which they apply. They are written in abbreviated plain language, with some of the more common abbreviations.

Sigmets are issued primarily for Thunderstorms, Turbulence, Icing, Mountain Waves, Sandstorms, Typhoons Etc.