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## 1. Introduction

This document describes the ERA-Interim Archive at ECMWF. ERA-Interim is a reanalysis of the global atmosphere covering the data-rich period since 1979 (originally, ERA-Interim ran from 1989, but the 10 year extension for 1979-1988 was produced in 2011), and continuing in real time. As ERA-Interim continues forward in time, updates of the Archive will take place on a monthly basis.

The ERA-Interim project was initiated in 2006 to provide a bridge between ECMWF's previous reanalysis, ERA-40 (1957-2002), and the next-generation extended reanalysis envisaged at ECMWF. The main objectives of the project were to improve on certain key aspects of ERA-40, such as the representation of the hydrological cycle, the quality of the stratospheric circulation, and the handling of biases and changes in the observing system. These objectives have been largely achieved as a result of a combination of factors, including many model improvements, the use of 4-dimensional variational analysis, a revised humidity analysis, the use of variational bias correction for satellite data, and other improvements in data handling.

The ERA-Interim atmospheric model and reanalysis system uses cycle 31r2 of ECMWF's Integrated Forecast System (IFS), which was introduced operationally in September 2006, configured for the following spatial resolution:

- 60 levels in the vertical, with the top level at 0.1 hPa;
- T255 spherical-harmonic representation for the basic dynamical fields;
- a reduced Gaussian grid with approximately uniform 79 km spacing for surface and other grid-point fields.

The atmospheric model is coupled to an ocean-wave model resolving 30 wave frequencies and 24 wave directions at the nodes of its reduced  $1.0^{\circ}x1.0^{\circ}$  latitude/longitude grid. Documentation of the IFS is published on the ECMWF website at <u>http://www.ecmwf.int/research</u>.

A comprehensive documentation of the ERA-Interim reanalysis system has been published as an open-access article in the Quarterly Journal of the Royal Meteorological Society, and can be downloaded from <a href="http://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/10.1002/qj.828/abstract">http://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/10.1002/qj.828/abstract</a>. See Section 4 in this document for ERA-Interim product access information via the ECMWF Data Server at <a href="http://data.ecmwf.int/data">http://data.ecmwf.int/data</a>. Additional information e.g. on current data availability is available on the ECMWF website at <a href="http://www.ecmwf.int/research/era">http://www.ecmwf.int/research/era</a>.

Archived ERA-Interim products described in this document comprise:

- analysis and forecast fields from the assimilating atmospheric model at full resolution<sup>1</sup>;
- analysis and forecast fields from the atmospheric model evaluated on standard pressure levels;
- analysis fields from the atmospheric model evaluated on isentropic and  $PV = \pm 2 PVU$  surfaces;
- analysis and forecast fields from the coupled ocean-wave model at full resolution;
- vertical integrations of analysed model level fields;
- various monthly means for these fields.

Details of the way basic fields are post-processed to produce the archived fields are given in the IFS documentation. Reference should be made in particular to Appendix D: FULL-POS user guide, of Part VI: *Technical and computational procedures*.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> These data are model level and surface and single level fields



## 2. Analysis and forecast fields

## 2.1. Product generation

The ERA-Interim data assimilation and forecast suite produces:

- four analyses per day, at 00, 06, 12 and 18 UTC;
- two 10-day forecasts per day, initialized from analyses at 00 and 12 UTC.

The analysis produced at 00 UTC on a given day involves observations taken between 15 UTC on the previous day and 03 UTC on the present day; the analysis at 12 UTC involves observations between 03 UTC and 15 UTC.

Unless specified otherwise, forecast data on pressure levels (levtype=pl in MARS) and for the surface and single level parameters (levtype=sfc) are archived at the 28 ranges, or steps, of 3-, 6-, 9-, 12-, 15-, 18-, 21-, 24-, 30-, 36-, 42-, 48-, 60-, 72-, 84-, 96-, 108-, 120-, 132-, 144-, 156-, 168-, 180-, 192-, 204-, 216-, 228-, and 240-hours from the twice daily forecasts at 00 and 12 UTC. Forecast model level data (levtype=ml) are archived at 3-, 6-, 9-, and 12-hour ranges from 00 and 12 UTC. Forecast data are not available for fields on isentropic (levtype=pt) and PV =  $\pm 2$  PVU (levtype=pv) levels. On the ECMWF Data Server forecasts are only available for surface and single level fields and only up to a range of 12-hours.

Fields from the atmospheric model are archived either at the full T255 spectral resolution or on the corresponding N128 reduced Gaussian grid, depending on their basic representation in the model. Fields from the coupled ocean-wave model are saved on its reduced  $1.0^{\circ} \times 1.0^{\circ}$  latitude/longitude grid.

The N128 reduced Gaussian grid is symmetric about the equator, with a north-south separation which is close to uniform in latitude, with a spacing of about 0.703125°. There are 128 points aligned along the Greenwich Meridian from equator to pole. The number of points in the east-west varies with latitude, with uniform grid spacing along a particular line of latitude. This spacing is 0.703125° in most of the tropics. The grid is specified (for the Northern Hemisphere) in Table 1, which gives the latitude values (accurate to two decimal places) and the corresponding number of points in the east-west direction. Similar information, for several reduced Gaussian grids commonly used at the ECMWF, is available at http://www.acmuf.int/publications/manuels/librarias/interpolation/gaussianGrideEIS html

http://www.ecmwf.int/publications/manuals/libraries/interpolation/gaussianGridsFIS.html.

The WMO format FM92 GRIB is used to represent all analysis and forecast fields. In general, ERA GRIB data are coded using ECMWF's local versions of GRIB code table 2 (version number 128 for atmospheric products, 140 for wave products), which gives parameter names and units. An additional local version, 162, is used for atmospheric parameters that are not included in the standard table version 128. These include the "Additional vertical integrals for energy, mass, water and ozone budgets" in Section 2.5 and the "Additional fields accumulated from the physical parametrizations" in Section 2.7. All local ECMWF versions of GRIB code table 2 are tabulated in <u>http://www.ecmwf.int/services/archive</u>.

## The ERA-Interim Archive



| Row no. | Lat.  | Points |
|---------|-------|--------|---------|-------|--------|---------|-------|--------|---------|-------|--------|
| 1       | 89.46 | 18     | 2       | 88.77 | 25     | 3       | 88.07 | 36     | 4       | 87.37 | 40     |
| 5       | 86.66 | 45     | 6       | 85.96 | 50     | 7       | 85.26 | 60     | 8       | 84.56 | 64     |
| 9       | 83.86 | 72     | 10      | 83.16 | 72     | 11      | 82.46 | 80     | 12      | 81.75 | 90     |
| 13      | 81.05 | 90     | 14      | 80.35 | 100    | 15      | 79.65 | 108    | 16      | 78.95 | 120    |
| 17      | 78.25 | 120    | 18      | 77.54 | 125    | 19      | 76.84 | 128    | 20      | 76.14 | 144    |
| 21      | 75.44 | 144    | 22      | 74.74 | 150    | 23      | 74.03 | 160    | 24      | 73.33 | 160    |
| 25      | 72.63 | 180    | 26      | 71.93 | 180    | 27      | 71.23 | 180    | 28      | 70.53 | 192    |
| 29      | 69.82 | 192    | 30      | 69.12 | 200    | 31      | 68.42 | 216    | 32      | 67.72 | 216    |
| 33      | 67.02 | 216    | 34      | 66.32 | 225    | 35      | 65.61 | 240    | 36      | 64.91 | 240    |
| 37      | 64.21 | 240    | 38      | 63.51 | 250    | 39      | 62.81 | 250    | 40      | 62.11 | 256    |
| 41      | 61.40 | 270    | 42      | 60.70 | 270    | 43      | 60.00 | 288    | 44      | 59.30 | 288    |
| 45      | 58.60 | 288    | 46      | 57.89 | 300    | 47      | 57.19 | 300    | 48      | 56.49 | 320    |
| 49      | 55.79 | 320    | 50      | 55.09 | 320    | 51      | 54.39 | 320    | 52      | 53.68 | 324    |
| 53      | 52.98 | 360    | 54      | 52.28 | 360    | 55      | 51.58 | 360    | 56      | 50.88 | 360    |
| 57      | 50.18 | 360    | 58      | 49.47 | 360    | 59      | 48.77 | 360    | 60      | 48.07 | 375    |
| 61      | 47.37 | 375    | 62      | 46.67 | 375    | 63      | 45.96 | 375    | 64      | 45.26 | 384    |
| 65      | 44.56 | 384    | 66      | 43.86 | 400    | 67      | 43.16 | 400    | 68      | 42.46 | 400    |
| 69      | 41.75 | 400    | 70      | 41.05 | 405    | 71      | 40.35 | 432    | 72      | 39.65 | 432    |
| 73      | 38.95 | 432    | 74      | 38.25 | 432    | 75      | 37.54 | 432    | 76      | 36.84 | 432    |
| 77      | 36.14 | 432    | 78      | 35.44 | 450    | 79      | 34.74 | 450    | 80      | 34.04 | 450    |
| 81      | 33.33 | 450    | 82      | 32.63 | 450    | 83      | 31.93 | 480    | 84      | 31.23 | 480    |
| 85      | 30.53 | 480    | 86      | 29.82 | 480    | 87      | 29.12 | 480    | 88      | 28.42 | 480    |
| 89      | 27.72 | 480    | 90      | 27.02 | 480    | 91      | 26.32 | 480    | 92      | 25.61 | 480    |
| 93      | 24.91 | 486    | 94      | 24.21 | 486    | 95      | 23.51 | 486    | 96      | 22.81 | 500    |
| 97      | 22.11 | 500    | 98      | 21.40 | 500    | 99      | 20.70 | 500    | 100     | 20.00 | 500    |
| 101     | 19.23 | 500    | 102     | 18.60 | 500    | 103     | 17.89 | 512    | 104     | 17.19 | 512    |
| 105     | 16.49 | 512    | 106     | 15.79 | 512    | 107     | 15.09 | 512    | 108     | 14.39 | 512    |
| 109     | 13.68 | 512    | 110     | 12.98 | 512    | 111     | 12.28 | 512    | 112     | 11.58 | 512    |
| 113     | 10.88 | 512    | 114     | 10.18 | 512    | 115     | 9.47  | 512    | 116     | 8.77  | 512    |
| 117     | 8.07  | 512    | 118     | 7.37  | 512    | 119     | 6.67  | 512    | 120     | 5.96  | 512    |
| 121     | 5.26  | 512    | 122     | 4.56  | 512    | 123     | 3.86  | 512    | 124     | 3.16  | 512    |
| 125     | 2.46  | 512    | 126     | 1.75  | 512    | 127     | 1.05  | 512    | 128     | 0.35  | 512    |

Table 1: The N128 Gaussian grid



## 2.2. Upper air parameters on model and pressure levels

Upper air data are saved on each of the 60 "full" model levels and on 37 pressure levels, except where stated otherwise. Model "half-level" pressures,  $p_{k-1/2}$ , are defined by

$$p_{k-1/2} = A_{k-1/2} + B_{k-1/2} p_s$$

where  $p_s$  is surface pressure and  $k = 1, 2, 3, \dots 61$ . The pressures of the "full" model levels,  $p_{k,j}$  are defined by

$$p_{k} = \frac{1}{2} (p_{k-1/2} + p_{k+1/2})$$

Precise values for  $A_{k-1/2}$  and  $B_{k-1/2}$  should be read from Section 2, the Grid Description Section, of a GRIB file for model-level data. Values accurate to up to five significant figures are given in Table 2, together with half and full level pressures assuming a surface pressure of 1013.25 hPa. The corresponding heights,  $z_k$ , of the full levels are also shown, using a uniform scale height of 7 km for pressure. For this scale height the model level spacing is precisely 1.5 km in the middle stratosphere. The 37 pressure levels to which the model-level fields are interpolated are also indicated in Table 2.

|    | Pressure         |             |                   |                                  |            |              |
|----|------------------|-------------|-------------------|----------------------------------|------------|--------------|
| k  | $A_{k-1/2}$ (hP) | $B_{k-1/2}$ | $p_{k-1/2}$ (hPa) | $p_{\scriptscriptstyle k}$ (hPa) | $Z_k$ (km) | levels (hPa) |
| 1  | 0.00             | 0.00000     | 0.00              | 0.10                             | 64.56      |              |
| 2  | 0.20             | 0.00000     | 0.20              | 0.29                             | 57.06      |              |
| 3  | 0.38             | 0.00000     | 0.38              | 0.51                             | 53.16      |              |
| 4  | 0.64             | 0.00000     | 0.64              | 0.80                             | 50.04      |              |
| 5  | 0.96             | 0.00000     | 0.96              | 1.15                             | 47.46      | 1            |
| 6  | 1.34             | 0.00000     | 1.34              | 1.58                             | 45.27      |              |
| 7  | 1.81             | 0.00000     | 1.81              | 2.08                             | 43.33      | 2            |
| 8  | 2.35             | 0.00000     | 2.35              | 2.67                             | 41.58      | 3            |
| 9  | 2.98             | 0.00000     | 2.98              | 3.36                             | 39.96      |              |
| 10 | 3.74             | 0.00000     | 3.74              | 4.19                             | 38.41      |              |
| 11 | 4.65             | 0.00000     | 4.65              | 5.20                             | 36.90      | 5            |
| 12 | 5.76             | 0.00000     | 5.76              | 6.44                             | 35.40      | 7            |
| 13 | 7.13             | 0.00000     | 7.13              | 7.98                             | 33.90      |              |
| 14 | 8.84             | 0.00000     | 8.84              | 9.89                             | 32.40      | 10           |
| 15 | 10.95            | 0.00000     | 10.95             | 12.26                            | 30.90      |              |
| 16 | 13.56            | 0.00000     | 13.56             | 15.19                            | 29.40      |              |
| 17 | 16.81            | 0.00000     | 16.81             | 18.81                            | 27.90      | 20           |
| 18 | 20.82            | 0.00000     | 20.82             | 23.31                            | 26.40      |              |
| 19 | 25.80            | 0.00000     | 25.80             | 28.88                            | 24.90      | 30           |
| 20 | 31.96            | 0.00000     | 31.96             | 35.78                            | 23.40      |              |
| 21 | 39.60            | 0.00000     | 39.60             | 44.33                            | 21.90      |              |
| 22 | 49.07            | 0.00000     | 49.07             | 54.62                            | 20.44      | 50           |
| 23 | 60.18            | 0.00000     | 60.18             | 66.62                            | 19.05      | 70           |
| 24 | 73.07            | 0.00000     | 73.07             | 80.40                            | 17.74      |              |
| 25 | 87.65            | 0.00008     | 87.73             | 95.98                            | 16.50      | 100          |

Table 2: Model and pressure levels



|    |                  |             | Model levels      |             |            | Pressure     |
|----|------------------|-------------|-------------------|-------------|------------|--------------|
| k  | $A_{k-1/2}$ (hP) | $B_{k-1/2}$ | $p_{k-1/2}$ (hPa) | $p_k$ (hPa) | $Z_k$ (km) | levels (hPa) |
| 26 | 103.76           | 0.00046     | 104.23            | 113.42      | 15.33      | 125          |
| 27 | 120.77           | 0.00182     | 122.61            | 132.76      | 14.23      |              |
| 28 | 137.75           | 0.00508     | 142.90            | 154.00      | 13.19      | 150          |
| 29 | 153.80           | 0.01114     | 165.09            | 177.12      | 12.21      | 175          |
| 30 | 168.19           | 0.02068     | 189.15            | 202.09      | 11.29      | 200          |
| 31 | 180.45           | 0.03412     | 215.03            | 228.84      | 10.42      | 225          |
| 32 | 190.28           | 0.05169     | 242.65            | 257.36      | 9.59       | 250          |
| 33 | 197.55           | 0.07353     | 272.06            | 287.64      | 8.81       | 300          |
| 34 | 202.22           | 0.09967     | 303.22            | 319.63      | 8.08       |              |
| 35 | 204.30           | 0.13002     | 336.04            | 353.23      | 7.38       | 350          |
| 36 | 203.84           | 0.16438     | 370.41            | 388.27      | 6.71       | 400          |
| 37 | 200.97           | 0.20248     | 406.13            | 424.57      | 6.09       |              |
| 38 | 195.84           | 0.24393     | 443.01            | 461.90      | 5.50       | 450          |
| 39 | 188.65           | 0.28832     | 480.79            | 500.00      | 4.94       | 500          |
| 40 | 179.61           | 0.33515     | 519.21            | 538.591     | 4.42       | 550          |
| 41 | 168.99           | 0.38389     | 557.97            | 577.38      | 3.94       |              |
| 42 | 157.06           | 0.43396     | 596.78            | 616.04      | 3.48       | 600          |
| 43 | 144.11           | 0.48477     | 635.31            | 654.27      | 3.06       | 650          |
| 44 | 130.43           | 0.53571     | 673.24            | 691.75      | 2.67       | 700          |
| 45 | 116.33           | 0.58617     | 710.26            | 728.16      | 2.31       | 750          |
| 46 | 102.10           | 0.63555     | 746.06            | 763.20      | 1.98       | 775          |
| 47 | 88.02            | 0.68327     | 780.35            | 796.59      | 1.68       | 800          |
| 48 | 74.38            | 0.72879     | 812.83            | 828.05      | 1.41       | 825          |
| 49 | 61.44            | 0.77160     | 843.26            | 857.34      | 1.17       | 850          |
| 50 | 49.42            | 0.81125     | 871.42            | 884.27      | 0.95       | 875          |
| 51 | 38.51            | 0.84737     | 897.11            | 908.65      | 0.76       | 900          |
| 52 | 28.88            | 0.87966     | 920.19            | 930.37      | 0.60       | 925          |
| 53 | 20.64            | 0.90788     | 940.55            | 949.35      | 0.46       | 950          |
| 54 | 13.86            | 0.93194     | 958.15            | 965.57      | 0.34       |              |
| 55 | 8.55             | 0.95182     | 972.99            | 979.06      | 0.24       | 975          |
| 56 | 4.67             | 0.96765     | 985.14            | 989.95      | 0.16       |              |
| 57 | 2.10             | 0.97966     | 994.75            | 998.39      | 0.10       | 1000         |
| 58 | 0.66             | 0.98827     | 1002.02           | 1004.64     | 0.06       |              |
| 59 | 0.07             | 0.99402     | 1007.26           | 1009.06     | 0.03       |              |
| 60 | 0.00             | 0.99763     | 1010.85           | 1012.05     | 0.01       |              |
| 61 | 0.00             | 1.00000     | 1013.25           |             |            |              |



Table 3 gives details of the "upper air" parameters on model and pressure levels. These include surface geopotential and the logarithm of surface pressure. Although not strictly upper air parameters, these are produced in spherical-harmonic form along with the model level data. Surface pressure is needed to compute the distribution of pressure on the model surfaces as indicated above. The table indicates which parameters are stored on model levels and which are stored on pressure levels. The two horizontal representations are indicated by **sh** (spherical harmonics) and **gg** (Gaussian grid). Parameters are available both from analyses and forecasts. Except where indicated forecasts are available at the 28 steps to 10 days (see Section 2.1) on pressure levels and 4 steps to 12 hours on model levels. **Code** refers to the parameter reference number in GRIB code table 2, ECMWF local version 128. Note that the horizontal wind- components (**codes** 131/132) are evaluated from the archived vorticity and divergence by the MARS software when requested.

| Devenueter                       | Model levels |    | Pressure levels |    | Cada | Line Star   |
|----------------------------------|--------------|----|-----------------|----|------|---|
| Parameter                        | gg           | sh | gg              | sh | Code | Units   |
| potential vorticity <sup>1</sup> |              |    | Х               |    | 60   | m <sup>2</sup> s <sup>-1</sup> K kg <sup>-1</sup> |
| surface geopotential             |              | X  |                 |    | 129  | $m^2 s^{-2}$                                      |
| geopotential                     |              |    |                 | Х  | 129  | $m^2 s^{-2}$                                      |
| temperature                      |              | Х  |                 | Х  | 130  | К   |
| eastward wind component          |              |    |                 |    | 131  | m s⁻¹   |
| northward wind component         |              |    |                 |    | 132  | m s⁻¹   |
| specific humidity                | Х            |    | Х               |    | 133  | kg/kg   |
| vertical velocity                |              | Х  |                 | Х  | 135  | Pa s <sup>-1</sup>                                |
| vorticity                        |              | Х  |                 | Х  | 138  | s <sup>-1</sup>                                   |
| log surface pressure (Pa)        |              | Х  |                 |    | 152  |   |
| divergence                       |              | Х  |                 | Х  | 155  | s <sup>-1</sup>                                   |
| relative humidity                |              |    |                 | Х  | 157  | %   |
| ozone mass mixing ratio          | Х            |    | Х               |    | 203  | kg/kg   |
| cloud liquid water content       | Х            |    | Х               |    | 246  | kg/kg   |
| cloud ice water content          | Х            |    | Х               |    | 247  | kg/kg   |
| cloud cover                      | Х            |    | Х               |    | 248  | (0-1)   |

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|----------------|-------------------|--------------|-----------------|
| Table 3: Upper | air parameters of | on model and | pressure levels |

<sup>1</sup> Forecasts are only available up to a range of 12-hours



## 2.3. Upper air parameters on isentropic and $PV = \pm 2 PVU$ surfaces

Analysed fields only are interpolated to sixteen isentropic surfaces. The potential temperatures defining these surfaces are specified in Table 4, which also shows corresponding pressures and heights for a hypothetical 250 K dry isothermal atmosphere.

| Θ(K)             | P(hPa) | Z(km) |
|------------------|--------|-------|
| 265              | 815    | 1.5   |
| 275              | 716    | 2.4   |
| 285              | 632    | 3.4   |
| 300              | 528    | 4.7   |
| 315              | 445    | 5.9   |
| 320 <sup>1</sup> | 427    | 6.2   |
| 330              | 378    | 7.1   |
| 350              | 308    | 8.6   |
| 370              | 254    | 10.0  |
| 395              | 202    | 11.7  |
| 430              | 150    | 13.9  |
| 475              | 106    | 16.4  |
| 530              | 72     | 19.2  |
| 600              | 47     | 22.4  |
| 700              | 27     | 26.4  |
| 850              | 14     | 31.3  |

| Table 4: Isentro | pic levels and | l corresponding | pressures and                           | heights |
|------------------|----------------|-----------------|---|---------|
|                  | p              |                 | p · • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • |         |

<sup>1</sup> Only PV is archived at 320 K

Table 5 shows the parameters and horizontal representations of the fields archived on the isentropic surfaces.

| Parameter                        | gg | sh | Code | Units   |
|----------------------------------|----|----|------|---|
| Montgomery potential             |    | Х  | 53   | $m^2 s^{-2}$                                      |
| pressure                         |    | Х  | 54   | Ра  |
| potential vorticity <sup>1</sup> | Х  |    | 60   | m <sup>2</sup> s <sup>-1</sup> K kg <sup>-1</sup> |
| eastward wind component          |    |    | 131  | m s⁻¹   |
| northward wind component         |    |    | 132  | m s⁻¹   |
| specific humidity                | Х  |    | 133  | kg/kg   |
| vorticity                        |    | Х  | 138  | s⁻¹   |
| divergence                       |    | Х  | 155  | s <sup>-1</sup>                                   |
| ozone mass mixing ratio          | Х  |    | 203  | kg/kg   |

| Table 5: Paramete | rs on isenti | ropic | surfaces |
|-------------------|--------------|-------|----------|
|-------------------|--------------|-------|----------|

<sup>1</sup> Only PV is archived at 320 K





Montgomery potential is defined as  $\phi + c_{pd}\theta(p/p_0)^{\kappa_d}$ , where  $\phi$  and p are respectively the geopotential and the pressure of the constant- $\theta$  surface,  $c_{pd}$  is the specific heat of dry air at constant pressure and  $\kappa_d = R_d / c_{pd}$ , where  $R_d$  is the gas constant of dry air. Note, however, that  $\theta$  is defined by  $\theta = T(p/p_0)^{-\kappa}$ with  $\kappa$  defined for a moist atmosphere:  $\kappa = R/c_p$ , where  $R = R_d(1 + (R_v/R_d - 1)q)$  and  $c_p = c_{pd}(1 + (c_{pv}/c_{pd} - 1)q)$ , with q the specific humidity, and  $R_v$  and  $c_{pv}$  respectively the gas constant and specific heat at constant pressure of water vapour. The effect of moisture is also included in the calculation of  $\phi$ , as described in the documentation of the model.

Analysed fields only are also produced on the " $PV=\pm 2 PVU$ " surface on which the potential vorticity takes the value +2 PVU (1 PVU=10<sup>-6</sup> m<sup>2</sup>s<sup>-1</sup>Kkg<sup>-1</sup>) in the Northern Hemisphere and -2 PVU in the Southern Hemisphere, provided such a surface can be found searching downwards from the model level close to 96 hPa. Values at this model level are used where the search is unsuccessful.

Table 6 shows the parameters archived on the  $PV = \pm 2$  PVU surface. All fields are saved on the model's Gaussian grid.

| Parameter                | Code | Units        |
|--------------------------|------|--------------|
| potential temperature    | 3    | К            |
| pressure                 | 54   | Pa           |
| geopotential             | 129  | $m^2 s^{-2}$ |
| eastward wind component  | 131  | m s⁻¹        |
| northward wind component | 132  | m s⁻¹        |
| specific humidity        | 133  | kg/kg        |
| ozone mass mixing ratio  | 203  | kg/kg        |

*Table 6: Parameters on the PV* =  $\pm 2$  *PVU surface* 



## 2.4. Surface and single level parameters

A variety of instantaneous, surface and single level parameters are saved on the model's Gaussian grid. The list of these differs according to whether they are produced by the analysis (An), or the forecast (Fc), and are given in Table 7 (for temporally invariant parameters) and Table 8 (for temporally varying parameters) below. Except where indicated forecasts are available at the 28 steps to 10 days (see Section 2.1).

| Parameter  | An | Fc | Code | Units        |  |
|--|----|----|------|--------------|--|
| low vegetation cover                             | Х  |    | 27   | (0-1)        |  |
| high vegetation cover                            | Х  |    | 28   | (0-1)        |  |
| low vegetation type (table index)                | Х  |    | 29   | index        |  |
| high vegetation type (table index)               | Х  |    | 30   | index        |  |
| standard deviation of filtered subgrid orography | Х  |    | 74   | m            |  |
| surface geopotential                             | Х  | Х  | 129  | $m^2 s^{-2}$ |  |
| standard deviation of orography                  | Х  |    | 160  | m            |  |
| anisotropy of orography                          | Х  |    | 161  |              |  |
| angle of sub-grid scale orography                | Х  |    | 162  |              |  |
| slope of sub-grid scale orography                | Х  |    | 163  |              |  |
| land/sea mask                                    | Х  | Х  | 172  | (0,1)        |  |

Table 7: Instantaneous, invariant, surface and single level parameters

| Parameter                             | An | Fc | Code | Units          |
|---------------------------------------|----|----|------|----------------|
| sea ice fraction                      | X  | Х  | 31   | (0-1)          |
| snow albedo                           | X  | Х  | 32   | (0-1)          |
| snow density                          | X  | Х  | 33   | kg m⁻³         |
| sea surface temperature               | X  | Х  | 34   | К              |
| sea ice temperature layer 1           | X  | Х  | 35   | К              |
| sea ice temperature layer 2           | X  | Х  | 36   | К              |
| sea ice temperature layer 3           | X  | Х  | 37   | К              |
| sea ice temperature layer 4           | X  | Х  | 38   | К              |
| soil moisture level 1 (volumetric)    | X  | Х  | 39   | $m^{3} m^{-3}$ |
| soil moisture level 2 (volumetric)    | X  | Х  | 40   | $m^{3} m^{-3}$ |
| soil moisture level 3 (volumetric)    | X  | Х  | 41   | $m^3 m^{-3}$   |
| soil moisture level 4 (volumetric)    | X  | Х  | 42   | $m^{3} m^{-3}$ |
| convective available potential energy |    | Х  | 59   | J kg⁻¹         |
| total column liquid water             |    | Х  | 78   | kg m⁻²         |
| total column ice water                |    | Х  | 79   | kg m⁻²         |
| surface pressure <sup>1</sup>         | X  | Х  | 134  | Ра             |
| total column water                    | X  | Х  | 136  | kg m⁻²         |
| total column water vapour             | X  | Х  | 137  | kg m⁻²         |
| soil temperature level 1              | Х  | Х  | 139  | К              |

<sup>1</sup> Forecasts are only available up to a range of 12-hours



| Parameter   | An | Fc | Code | Units                 |
|---|----|----|------|-----------------------|
| snow depth  | Х  | Х  | 141  | m of water equivalent |
| Charnock parameter                                    | Х  | Х  | 148  |                       |
| mean sea level pressure                               | Х  | Х  | 151  | Pa                    |
| boundary layer height                                 |    | Х  | 159  | m                     |
| total cloud cover                                     | Х  | Х  | 164  | (0-1)                 |
| 10 metre eastward wind component                      | Х  | Х  | 165  | m s⁻¹                 |
| 10 metre northward wind component                     | Х  | Х  | 166  | m s⁻¹                 |
| 2 metre temperature                                   | Х  | Х  | 167  | К                     |
| 2 metre dewpoint                                      | Х  | Х  | 168  | К                     |
| soil temperature level 2                              | Х  | Х  | 170  | К                     |
| surface roughness                                     | Х  |    | 173  | m                     |
| albedo (climate)                                      | Х  |    | 174  |                       |
| soil temperature level 3                              | Х  | Х  | 183  | К                     |
| low cloud cover                                       | Х  | Х  | 186  | (0-1)                 |
| medium cloud cover                                    | Х  | Х  | 187  | (0-1)                 |
| high cloud cover                                      | Х  | Х  | 188  | (0-1)                 |
| skin reservoir content                                | Х  | Х  | 198  | m of water            |
| total column ozone                                    | Х  | Х  | 206  | kg m⁻²                |
| instantaneous eastward component of turbulent stress  |    | Х  | 229  | N m <sup>-2</sup>     |
| instantaneous northward component of turbulent stress |    | Х  | 230  | N m <sup>-2</sup>     |
| instantaneous surface heat flux                       |    | Х  | 231  | W m <sup>-2</sup>     |
| instantaneous moisture flux (evaporation)             |    | Х  | 232  | kg m⁻² s              |
| log. surface roughness length (m) for heat            | Х  |    | 234  |                       |
| skin temperature                                      | Х  | Х  | 235  | К                     |
| soil temperature level 4                              | Х  | Х  | 236  | К                     |
| snow temperature                                      | Х  | Х  | 238  | К                     |
| forecast albedo                                       |    | Х  | 243  |                       |
| forecast surface roughness                            |    | Х  | 244  | m                     |
| forecast log. surface roughness length (m) for heat   |    | Х  | 245  |                       |

Table 9 lists the accumulated (from the beginning of the) forecast, surface and single level parameters, which are also saved on the model's Gaussian grid. These forecasts are available at the 28 steps to 10 days (see Section 2.1).

| Parameter   | Code | Units               |
|---|------|---------------------|
| clear sky surface photosynthetically active radiation | 20   | W m <sup>-2</sup> s |
| snow evaporation                                      | 44   | m                   |
| snow melt   | 45   | m                   |
| large-scale precipitation fraction                    | 50   | S                   |
| downward UV radiation at the surface                  | 57   | W m⁻² s             |
| surface photosynthetically active radiation           | 58   | W m⁻² s             |
| large-scale precipitation                             | 142  | m of water          |

Table 9: Forecast accumulated surface and single level parameters



| Parameter                                    | Code | Units                 |
|--|------|-----------------------|
| convective precipitation                     | 143  | m of water            |
| snowfall                                     | 144  | m of water equivalent |
| boundary layer dissipation                   | 145  | W m <sup>-2</sup> s   |
| surface sensible heat flux                   | 146  | W m <sup>-2</sup> s   |
| surface latent heat flux                     | 147  | W m <sup>-2</sup> s   |
| downward surface solar radiation             | 169  | W m⁻² s               |
| downward surface thermal radiation           | 175  | W m <sup>-2</sup> s   |
| surface solar radiation                      | 176  | W m <sup>-2</sup> s   |
| surface thermal radiation                    | 177  | W m <sup>-2</sup> s   |
| top solar radiation                          | 178  | W m <sup>-2</sup> s   |
| top thermal radiation                        | 179  | W m <sup>-2</sup> s   |
| East-West component of turbulent stress      | 180  | N m <sup>-2</sup> s   |
| North-South component of turbulent stress    | 181  | N m <sup>-2</sup> s   |
| evaporation                                  | 182  | m of water            |
| sunshine duration                            | 189  | S                     |
| East-West component of gravity wave stress   | 195  | N m <sup>-2</sup> s   |
| North-South component of gravity wave stress | 196  | N m <sup>-2</sup> s   |
| gravity wave dissipation                     | 197  | W m <sup>-2</sup> s   |
| runoff                                       | 205  | m of water            |
| top solar radiation clear sky                | 208  | W m <sup>-2</sup> s   |
| top thermal radiation clear sky              | 209  | W m <sup>-2</sup> s   |
| surface solar radiation clear sky            | 210  | W m <sup>-2</sup> s   |
| surface thermal radiation clear sky          | 211  | W m <sup>-2</sup> s   |
| top incident solar radiation                 | 212  | W m <sup>-2</sup> s   |
| total precipitation                          | 228  | m of water            |
| convective snowfall                          | 239  | m of water equivalent |
| large-scale snowfall                         | 240  | m of water equivalent |

Table 10 lists the forecast minimum/maximum, surface and single level parameters, which are also saved on the model's Gaussian grid. These fields contain the minimum or maximum values of the parameter since the previous post-processing and are available at the 28 steps to 10 days (see Section 2.1).

| Tuble 10. Porecust minimum/maximum surjace and single level parameters |      |       |  |  |
|--|------|-------|--|--|
| Parameter  | Code | Units |  |  |
| wind gusts at 10 m   | 49   | m s⁻¹ |  |  |
| maximum 2m temperature since last post-processing step                 | 201  | К     |  |  |
| minimum 2m temperature since last post-processing step                 | 202  | К     |  |  |

 Table 10: Forecast minimum/maximum surface and single level parameters



## 2.5. Additional vertical integrals for energy, mass, water and ozone budgets

The standard model post-processing produced the surface and single-level fields given in Tables 7-10. A number of additional "single-level" fields of vertical integrals relating to the budgets of mass, water, ozone and energy have been derived from the instantaneous analysed model-level data. They are listed in Table 11. Further details are given in Annex I. **Code** refers to the parameter reference number in GRIB code table 2, ECMWF local version 162.

| Parameter                        | Definition  | Code | Units                              |
|----------------------------------|---|------|------------------------------------|
| mass of atmosphere               | $\frac{1}{g}\int_0^1\frac{\partial p}{\partial \eta}d\eta$  | 53   | kg m <sup>-2</sup>                 |
| temperature                      | $\frac{1}{g}\int_0^1 T\frac{\partial p}{\partial \eta}d\eta$  | 54   | K kg m <sup>-2</sup>               |
| water vapour                     | $\frac{1}{g}\int_0^1 q\frac{\partial p}{\partial \eta}d\eta$  | 55   | kg m⁻²                             |
| cloud liquid water               | $\frac{1}{g}\int_{0}^{1}(CLW)\frac{\partial p}{\partial \eta}d\eta$   | 56   | kg m <sup>-2</sup>                 |
| cloud frozen water               | $\frac{1}{g}\int_{0}^{1}(CIW)\frac{\partial p}{\partial \eta}d\eta$   | 57   | kg m⁻²                             |
| ozone                            | $\frac{1}{g}\int_{0}^{1}O_{3}\frac{\partial p}{\partial \eta}d\eta$   | 58   | kg m⁻²                             |
| kinetic energy, <i>KE</i>        | $\frac{1}{g} \int_{0}^{1} \frac{1}{2} (v \cdot v) \frac{\partial p}{\partial \eta} d\eta$   | 59   | J m <sup>-2</sup>                  |
| thermal energy                   | $\frac{1}{g} \int_0^1 c_p T \frac{\partial p}{\partial \eta} d\eta$   | 60   | J m <sup>-2</sup>                  |
| potential+internal energy        | $\frac{1}{g}\int_{0}^{1}(c_{p}T+\phi_{s})\frac{\partial p}{\partial\eta}d\eta$  | 61   | J m <sup>-2</sup>                  |
| potential+internal+latent energy | $\frac{1}{g}\int_{0}^{1} (Lq + c_{p}T + \phi_{s})\frac{\partial p}{\partial \eta}d\eta$   | 62   | J m <sup>-2</sup>                  |
| total energy, <i>TE</i>          | $\frac{1}{g}\int_0^1 \left(\frac{1}{2}(\underline{v}\cdot\underline{v}) + Lq + c_pT + \phi_s\right)\frac{\partial p}{\partial \eta}d\eta$ | 63   | J m <sup>-2</sup>                  |
| energy conversion                | $\frac{1}{g}\int_{0}^{1}\frac{RT\omega}{p}\frac{\partial p}{\partial\eta}d\eta$   | 64   | W m <sup>-2</sup>                  |
| eastward mass flux               | $\frac{1}{g}\int_0^1 u\frac{\partial p}{\partial \eta}d\eta$  | 65   | kg m <sup>-1</sup> s <sup>-1</sup> |
| northward mass flux              | $\frac{1}{g}\int_0^1 v \frac{\partial p}{\partial \eta} d\eta$  | 66   | kg m <sup>-1</sup> s <sup>-1</sup> |
| eastward kinetic energy flux     | $\frac{1}{g}\int_{0}^{1}u\frac{1}{2}\underbrace{(v\cdot v)}_{\sim}\frac{\partial p}{\partial \eta}d\eta$                                  | 67   | W m <sup>-1</sup>                  |
| northward kinetic energy flux    | $\frac{1}{g}\int_{0}^{1}v\frac{1}{2}\underbrace{(v\cdot v)}_{\sim}\frac{\partial p}{\partial \eta}d\eta$                                  | 68   | W m <sup>-1</sup>                  |
| eastward heat flux               | $\frac{1}{g} \int_{0}^{1} u c_{p} T \frac{\partial p}{\partial \eta} d\eta$   | 69   | W m⁻¹                              |

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| Parameter                             | Definition  | Code | Units                              |
|---------------------------------------|---|------|------------------------------------|
| northward heat flux                   | $\frac{1}{g} \int_0^1 v c_p T \frac{\partial p}{\partial \eta} d\eta$   | 70   | W m <sup>-1</sup>                  |
| eastward water-vapour flux            | $\frac{1}{g} \int_0^1 uq \frac{\partial p}{\partial \eta} d\eta$  | 71   | kg m <sup>-1</sup> s <sup>-1</sup> |
| northward water-vapour flux           | $\frac{1}{g} \int_0^1 v q \frac{\partial p}{\partial \eta} d\eta$   | 72   | kg m⁻¹ s⁻¹                         |
| eastward geopotential flux            | $\frac{1}{g}\int_0^1 u\phi \frac{\partial p}{\partial \eta} d\eta$  | 73   | W m <sup>-1</sup>                  |
| northward geopotential flux           | $\frac{1}{g} \int_0^1 \nu \phi \frac{\partial p}{\partial \eta} d\eta$  | 74   | W m <sup>-1</sup>                  |
| eastward total energy flux            | $\frac{1}{g}\int_{0}^{1}u\left(\frac{1}{2}(\underline{v}\cdot\underline{v})+Lq+c_{p}T+\phi\right)\frac{\partial p}{\partial \eta}d\eta$ | 75   | W m <sup>-1</sup>                  |
| northward total energy flux           | $\frac{1}{g}\int_{0}^{1}v\left(\frac{1}{2}(v\cdot v)+Lq+c_{p}T+\phi\right)\frac{\partial p}{\partial \eta}d\eta$                        | 76   | W m <sup>-1</sup>                  |
| eastward ozone flux                   | $\frac{1}{g}\int_{0}^{1}uO_{3}\frac{\partial p}{\partial \eta}d\eta$  | 77   | kg m⁻¹ s⁻¹                         |
| northward ozone flux                  | $\frac{1}{g}\int_{0}^{1}vO_{3}\frac{\partial p}{\partial \eta}d\eta$  | 78   | kg m <sup>-1</sup> s <sup>-1</sup> |
| divergence of cloud liquid water flux | $\nabla \frac{1}{g} \int_0^1 \underbrace{\mathcal{V}CLW} \frac{\partial p}{\partial \eta} d\eta$  | 79   | kg m <sup>-2</sup> s <sup>-1</sup> |
| divergence of cloud frozen water flux | $\nabla \frac{1}{g} \int_0^1 \underbrace{\mathcal{V}CIW} \frac{\partial p}{\partial \eta} d\eta$  | 80   | kg m <sup>-2</sup> s <sup>-1</sup> |
| divergence of mass flux               | $\nabla \frac{1}{g} \int_{0}^{1} \frac{v \frac{\partial p}{\partial \eta} d\eta}{\sqrt{\partial} \eta} d\eta$                           | 81   | kg m <sup>-2</sup> s <sup>-1</sup> |
| divergence of kinetic energy flux     | $\nabla \frac{1}{g} \int_{0}^{1} \frac{v_{1}^{1}(v \cdot v)}{\sim} \frac{\partial p}{\partial \eta} d\eta$                              | 82   | W m <sup>-2</sup>                  |
| divergence of thermal energy flux     | $\nabla \frac{1}{g} \int_{0}^{1} \frac{vc_{p} T \frac{\partial p}{\partial \eta} d\eta}{2}$   | 83   | W m <sup>-2</sup>                  |
| divergence of moisture flux           | $ abla rac{1}{g} \int_{0}^{1} v q rac{\partial p}{\partial \eta} d\eta$   | 84   | kg m <sup>-2</sup> s <sup>-1</sup> |
| divergence of geopotential flux       | $\nabla \frac{1}{g} \int_{0}^{1} \frac{v \phi \frac{\partial p}{\partial \eta}}{\sim} d\eta$  | 85   | W m <sup>-2</sup>                  |
| divergence of total energy flux       | $\nabla \frac{1}{g} \int_0^1 y \left( \frac{1}{2} (y \cdot y) + Lq + c_p T + \phi \right) \frac{\partial p}{\partial \eta} d\eta$       | 86   | W m <sup>-2</sup>                  |
| divergence of ozone flux              | $\nabla \frac{1}{g} \int_{0}^{1} \frac{vO_{3} \frac{\partial p}{\partial \eta} d\eta}{\sim} d\eta$                                      | 87   | kg m <sup>-2</sup> s <sup>-1</sup> |
| eastward cloud liquid water flux      | $\frac{1}{g}\int_0^1 uCLW \frac{\partial p}{\partial \eta} d\eta$   | 88   | kg m <sup>-1</sup> s <sup>-1</sup> |
| northward cloud liquid water flux     | $\frac{1}{g}\int_{0}^{1}vCLW\frac{\partial p}{\partial \eta}d\eta$  | 89   | kg m <sup>-1</sup> s <sup>-1</sup> |



| Parameter                         | Definition  | Code | Units                              |
|-----------------------------------|---|------|------------------------------------|
| eastward cloud frozen water flux  | $\frac{1}{g}\int_0^1 uCIW \frac{\partial p}{\partial \eta} d\eta$ | 90   | kg m <sup>-1</sup> s <sup>-1</sup> |
| northward cloud frozen water flux | $\frac{1}{g}\int_0^1 vCIW \frac{\partial p}{\partial \eta} d\eta$ | 91   | kg m <sup>-1</sup> s <sup>-1</sup> |
| mass tendency                     | $\frac{1}{g}\frac{\partial p_s}{\partial t}$                      | 92   | kg m <sup>-2</sup> s <sup>-1</sup> |

## 2.6. Ocean-wave data

A set of ocean-wave products are generated by the wave analysis, at 00, 06, 12 and 18 UTC, and the coupled wave-model forecasts. Unless indicated otherwise, the latter are available at 21 regularly spaced forecast steps from zero up to 10 days, from forecasts initiated twice daily at 00 and 12 UTC. They are archived together with parameters of gridded data from the altimeters on the ERS-1 and ERS-2 satellites. The archived fields are identified in MARS by **stream=wave** and are listed in Table 12. **Code** refers to the parameter reference number in GRIB code table 2, ECMWF local version 140. Data are stored on the wave model's reduced  $1.0^{\circ}x1.0^{\circ}$  latitude/longitude grid.

| Parameter                                      | An | Fc | Code | Units   |  |
|--|----|----|------|---------|--|
| model bathymetry                               | Х  |    | 219  | m       |  |
| mean wave period from 1st moment               | Х  | Х  | 220  | s       |  |
| mean wave period from 2nd moment               | Х  | Х  | 221  | S       |  |
| wave spectral directional width                | Х  | Х  | 222  |         |  |
| mean wave period from 1st moment of wind waves | Х  | Х  | 223  | S       |  |
| mean wave period from 2nd moment of wind waves | Х  | Х  | 224  | S       |  |
| wave spectral directional width of wind waves  | Х  | Х  | 225  |         |  |
| mean wave period from 1st moment of swell      | Х  | Х  | 226  | S       |  |
| mean wave period from 2nd moment of swell      | Х  | Х  | 227  | S       |  |
| wave spectral directional width of swell       | Х  | Х  | 228  |         |  |
| significant wave height                        | Х  | Х  | 229  | m       |  |
| mean wave direction                            | Х  | Х  | 230  | degrees |  |
| peak period of 1d spectra                      | Х  | Х  | 231  | S       |  |
| mean wave period                               | Х  | Х  | 232  | S       |  |
| coefficient of drag with waves <sup>1</sup>    | Х  | Х  | 233  |         |  |
| significant height of wind waves               | Х  | Х  | 234  | m       |  |
| mean direction of wind waves                   | Х  | Х  | 235  | degrees |  |
| mean period of wind waves                      | Х  | Х  | 236  | S       |  |
| significant height of total swell              | Х  | Х  | 237  | m       |  |
| mean direction of total swell                  | Х  | Х  | 238  | degrees |  |
| mean period of total swell                     | Х  | Х  | 239  | S       |  |
| mean square slope of waves                     | Х  | Х  | 244  |         |  |

Table 12: Wave and gridded ERS altimeter parameters

<sup>1</sup> Forecasts are also available at a range of 3-hours



| Parameter  | An | Fc | Code | Units                                  |
|--|----|----|------|--|
| 10m wind speed modified by wave model <sup>1</sup>           | Х  | Х  | 245  | m s⁻¹                                  |
| gridded ERS altimeter wave height <sup>2</sup>               | Х  |    | 246  | m                                      |
| gridded corrected ERS altimeter wave height <sup>2</sup>     | Х  |    | 247  | m                                      |
| gridded ERS altimeter range relative correction <sup>2</sup> | Х  |    | 248  |  |
| 2D wave spectra (single) <sup>3</sup>                        | Х  | Х  | 251  | m <sup>2</sup> s radians <sup>-1</sup> |
| wave spectral kurtosis                                       | Х  | Х  | 252  |  |
| Benjamin-Feir index  | Х  | Х  | 253  |  |
| wave spectral peakedness                                     | Х  | Х  | 254  | s <sup>-1</sup>                        |

<sup>1</sup> Forecasts are also available at a range of 3-hours

<sup>2</sup> Available from late 1991

<sup>3</sup> Available for 30 frequencies and 24 directions

## 2.7. Additional fields accumulated from the physical parametrizations

The data described in the following subsections are accumulated from the beginning of the forecasts, initialised at 00 and 12 UTC, over the ranges of 3-, 6-, 9- and 12-hours. **Code** refers to the parameter reference number in GRIB code table 2, ECMWF local version 162. These parameters are saved on the model's Gaussian grid.

## 2.7.1. Parameters to support chemical-transport modelling

Table 13 lists the fields produced for use in chemical-transport modelling and other trajectory studies. These are archived on model half or model full levels, as indicated.

|  |             |      | 0                  |
|--|-------------|------|--------------------|
| Parameter                                | Surfaces    | Code | Units              |
| updraught mass flux                      | half levels | 104  | kg m <sup>-2</sup> |
| downdraught mass flux                    | half levels | 105  | kg m <sup>-2</sup> |
| updraught detrainment rate               | full levels | 106  | kg m <sup>-3</sup> |
| downdraught detrainment rate             | full levels | 107  | kg m <sup>-3</sup> |
| total precipitation profile              | half levels | 108  | kg m <sup>-2</sup> |
| turbulent diffusion coefficient for heat | half levels | 109  | m <sup>2</sup>     |

Table 13: Parameters to support chemical transport modelling

## 2.7.2. Radiative tendencies

The parameters indicated in Table 14 are tendencies from cloudy and clear-sky radiation, which are saved on full model levels.

| Parameter                               | Code | Units |
|---|------|-------|
| Short wave radiative tendency           | 100  | К     |
| Long wave radiative tendency            | 101  | К     |
| Clear sky short wave radiative tendency | 102  | К     |
| Clear sky long wave radiative tendency  | 103  | К     |

Table 14: Parameters to validate clear sky radiation



## 2.7.3. Net tendencies from parametrized processes

Net tendencies from parametrized processes are saved on full model levels and listed in Table 15.

| Parameter  | Code | Units   |
|------------|------|---------|
| u tendency | 112  | m s⁻¹   |
| v tendency | 113  | m s⁻¹   |
| T tendency | 110  | К       |
| q tendency | 111  | kg kg⁻¹ |

Table 15: Net tendencies

## 3. Monthly means

A variety of monthly means of many of the analysis and forecast fields described in Section 2 are computed and archived during the ERA-Interim production. Monthly means of the analysis fields are produced for surface and single level parameters and for parameters on model levels, pressure levels, the 15 isentropic levels excluding 320 K, and on the PV =  $\pm$ 2 PVU surface. Since forecast data are not available on isentropic levels or on the PV =  $\pm$ 2 PVU surface, monthly means of forecast fields are produced only for surface and single level parameters and for parameters on model and pressure levels.

The monthly mean parameters on model and pressure levels are the same as those listed in Table 3 while for the isentropic and  $PV = \pm 2$  PVU surfaces they are listed in Tables 5 and 6. For the monthly averages of surface and single level parameters there are a few exceptions to the information given in Tables 7-10, as indicated in Table 16 (an "X" indicates the parameter is available). There are no averages of the "Oceanwave data" described in Section 2.6 or of the "Additional fields accumulated from the physical parametrizations" in Section 2.7.

| Parameter  | An | Fc      | Code | Units                          |
|--|----|---------|------|--------------------------------|
| magnitude of surface stress (accumulated)        |    | Х       | 048  | N m⁻² s                        |
| wind gusts at 10 m                               |    | no mean | 049  |                                |
| geopotential                                     | Х  | no mean | 129  | m <sup>2</sup> s <sup>-2</sup> |
| land/sea mask                                    | Х  | no mean | 172  | (0,1)                          |
| max. temp. at 2 m since previous post-processing |    | no mean | 201  |                                |
| min. temp. at 2 m since previous post-processing |    | no mean | 202  |                                |
| 10 metre wind speed                              | Х  | Х       | 207  | m s⁻¹                          |

Table 16: Monthly mean surface and single level parameters: Exceptions from Tables 7-10



## **3.1.** Synoptic monthly means

The monthly averages produced for each of the four main synoptic hours (00, 06, 12, and 18 UTC) are referred to as synoptic monthly means. These are identified in MARS by **stream=mnth**. The synoptic monthly means for analysed parameters are produced from the respective analyses at the appropriate synoptic hour for every day in the month.

The synoptic monthly means for instantaneous forecast parameters are produced from the set of appropriate 6- and 12-hour forecasts, initiated at either 00 or 12 UTC, that verify at a particular synoptic hour for every day within the month. (In addition, 3- and 9-hour forecasts are used to produce synoptic monthly means for surface and single level parameters.) The first member of this set is the 12-hour forecast initiated at 12 UTC on the last day of the previous month, while the last member is the 6-hour (or 9-hour for surface and single level parameters) forecast initiated at 12 UTC on the last day of the month. Similarly, the means for accumulated forecast surface and single level parameters involve all relevant forecasts that have an accumulation period contained within the month. The first member used is therefore the 3-hour forecast initiated at 12 UTC on the last day of the month of the month. The first member used is therefore the 3-hour forecast initiated at 12 UTC on the last day of the month.

## **3.2.** Monthly means of daily means

Monthly means of daily means are produced for analyses (the average of the four main synoptic monthly means at 00, 06, 12, and 18 UTC) and instantaneous forecast data (the average of the four synoptic means at forecast steps of 6- and 12-hours from the forecasts initiated at 00 and 12 UTC). In MARS they are identified by **stream=moda**. These averages represent means for the entire month.

## **3.3.** Monthly means of daily forecast accumulations

Monthly means of daily forecast accumulations are produced for the accumulated surface and single level fields (Tables 9 and 16) by averaging the twice daily forecasts (from 00 and 12 UTC) over the month, for the forecast ranges of 0-12 hours, 12-24 hours and 24-36 hours, and then scaling the results to have units "per day". They are identified in MARS by **stream=mdfa**.

The monthly means of daily forecast accumulations include all relevant forecasts that have an accumulation period in the month and so represent accumulations for the entire month at the particular forecast range. Since the hydrological parameters are in units of "m of water per day", they should be multiplied by 1000 to convert to kgm<sup>-2</sup>day<sup>-1</sup> or to mmday<sup>-1</sup>. Energy (turbulent and radiative) and momentum fluxes should be divided by 86400 seconds (24 hours) to convert to the commonly used units of Wm<sup>-2</sup> and Nm<sup>-2</sup>, respectively.

## 4. **Product access**

Most archived ERA-Interim data can be downloaded from the ECMWF Data Server at <u>http://data.ecmwf.int/data</u>, as described in Section 4.1 below. The data are available at full resolution with flexible options for regional selection and gridding. Please check <u>http://www.ecmwf.int/research/era</u> for updates on data availability and other pertinent information, and <u>http://data.ecmwf.int/data</u> for conditions on use .

The ERA-Interim Archive is part of ECMWF's Meteorological Archive and Retrieval System (MARS), which is accessible to registered users in ECMWF Member States and Co-operating States. MARS supports the supply of ERA-Interim data on a range of grids; see <u>http://www.ecmwf.int/services/archive</u> for full details.



Arrangements exist at a national level within some Members States to supply data to users within that state who do not have direct access to MARS.

Based on an agreement with ECMWF, the National Center for Atmospheric Research (NCAR) maintains a copy of the complete contents of the ERA-Interim Archive to serve research and educational institutions in North America; see <u>http://dss.ucar.edu/pub</u>.

If needed, ERA-Interim products can be delivered on various media at handling charges by ECMWF Data Services via <u>http://www.ecmwf.int/products/data</u>.

## 4.1. ECMWF Data Server

ERA-Interim data in either GRIB or NetCDF format can be downloaded from the ECMWF Data Server. Global fields are available at full resolution, both vertically (on model levels) and horizontally. Data retrievals can be optionally restricted to a limited area and interpolated to a coarser grid. The data include:

- all 11 surface invariants, but at one analysis time only;
- all remaining analysed surface parameters, including vertical integrals (Section 2.5), at 0, 6, 12 and 18 UTC;
- 3 analysed wave parameters (significant wave height, mean wave direction and mean wave period) at 0, 6, 12 and 18 UTC;
- all forecast surface parameters (except the invariants) at steps of 3-, 6-, 9- and 12-hours from 00 and 12 UTC;
- all analysed upper-air parameters on 60 model levels at 00, 06, 12 and 18 UTC;
- all analysed upper-air parameters on 37 pressure levels at 00, 06, 12 and 18 UTC;
- all analysed parameters on 15 isentropic levels (not 320 K) at 00, 06, 12 and 18 UTC;
- all analysed parameters on  $PV = \pm 2$  PVU at 00, 06, 12 and 18 UTC;
- all synoptic monthly means (except for the upper air forecast fields);
- all monthly means of daily means (except for the upper air forecast fields; if available, the analysed values at the surface are used instead of the forecast values);
- all monthly means of daily accumulations at step=0-12 only.

## 4.2. MARS

Fields can be extracted from MARS in GRIB format, on the globe or in a limited area and at full or reduced resolution. Spectral fields can also be transformed to a grid. MARS users can either access the data from an ECMWF workstation or via the internet at <u>http://www.ecmwf.int/services/archive</u>, though the latter method does not have the full functionality of the former method. Full documentation for MARS can be found at <u>http://www.ecmwf.int/publications/manuals/mars</u>.



## 4.3. MARS retrieval examples

The following examples show how ERA-Interim data can be extracted from the MARS archive to an ECMWF workstation.

## 4.3.1. Example 1: instantaneous analysed surface pressure

Retrieve, Class=ei, Expver=1, Stream=oper, Type=an, Levtype=sfc, Param=sp, Date=19890101, Time=00, Step=00, Target=myfile.grb

## 4.3.2. Example 2: synoptic monthly mean of analysed spectral geopotential at 500 hPa

Retrieve, Class=ei, Expver=1, Stream=mnth, Type=an, Levtype=pl, Level=500, Param=z, Date=19890101, Time=06, Step=00, Target=myfile.grb

## 4.3.3. Example 3: monthly mean of daily mean of forecast 2m temperature

Retrieve, Class=ei, Expver=1, Stream=moda, Type=fc, Levtype=sfc, Param=2t, Date=19890101, Time=00, Step=00, Target=myfile.grb

#### 4.3.4. Example 4: monthly mean of daily forecast accumulation of total precipitation

Retrieve, Class=ei, Expver=1, Stream=mdfa, Type=fc, Levtype=sfc, Param=tp, Date=19890101, Time=00, Step=12, Target=myfile.grb

#### 4.3.5. Example 5: instantaneous analysed significant wave height

Retrieve, Class=ei, Expver=1, Stream=wave, Type=an, Levtype=sfc, Param=swh, Date=19890101, Time=12, Step=00, Target=myfile.grb

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## Annex 1: Vertical integrals for energy, mass, water and ozone budgets

The continuous, adiabatic, frictionless form of the model's primitive equations may be manipulated to give the following equations, in standard notation:

## Kinetic energy:

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} \left( E \frac{\partial p}{\partial \eta} \right) = -\nabla \cdot \left( \underline{v} E \frac{\partial p}{\partial \eta} \right) - \nabla \cdot \left( \underline{v} \phi - \phi \frac{\partial p}{\partial \eta} \right) - \frac{\partial}{\partial \eta} \left( \phi - \phi_s \int_0^{\eta} \nabla \cdot \underline{v} \frac{\partial p}{\partial \eta} d\eta \right) - \frac{RT\omega}{p} \frac{\partial p}{\partial \eta} - \underline{v} \frac{\partial p}{\partial \eta} \cdot \nabla \phi_s$$
(A1.1)

where

$$E = \frac{1}{2} ( \boldsymbol{y} \cdot \boldsymbol{y} )$$

## **Potential+Internal energy:**

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} \left( \left( c_p T + \phi_s \right) \frac{\partial p}{\partial \eta} \right) = -\nabla \cdot \left( v \left( c_p T + \phi_s \right) \frac{\partial p}{\partial \eta} \right) - \frac{\partial}{\partial \eta} \left( \dot{\eta} \left( c_p T + \phi_s \right) \frac{\partial p}{\partial \eta} \right) + \frac{RT\omega}{p} \frac{\partial p}{\partial \eta} + v \frac{\partial p}{\partial \eta} \cdot \nabla \phi_s$$
(A1.2)

Mass:

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} \left( \frac{\partial p}{\partial \eta} \right) = -\nabla \cdot \left( \frac{v}{\partial \eta} \right) - \frac{\partial}{\partial \eta} \left( \dot{\eta} q \frac{\partial p}{\partial \eta} \right)$$
(A1.3)

Water vapour:

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} \left( q \frac{\partial p}{\partial \eta} \right) = -\nabla \cdot \left( \nu q \frac{\partial p}{\partial \eta} \right) - \frac{\partial}{\partial \eta} \left( \dot{\eta} q \frac{\partial p}{\partial \eta} \right)$$
(A1.4)

Ozone:

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} \left( O_3 \frac{\partial p}{\partial \eta} \right) = -\nabla \cdot \left( v O_3 \frac{\partial p}{\partial \eta} \right) - \frac{\partial}{\partial \eta} \left( \dot{\eta} O_3 \frac{\partial p}{\partial \eta} \right)$$
(A1.5)

The notation is as in Simmons and Burridge(1981, *Mon. Wea. Rev.*, **109**, 758-766). The gas constant, *R*, and specific heat at constant pressure,  $c_p$ , vary with specific humidity, *q*:

$$R = R_d \left( 1 + \left(\frac{R_v}{R_d} - 1\right) q \right)$$
(A1.6)

$$c_{p} = c_{pd} \left( 1 + \left( \frac{c_{pv}}{c_{pd}} - 1 \right) q \right)$$
(A1.7)

where subscripts d and v denote values for dry air and water vapour respectively.

It should be noted that  $(c_p T + \phi_s) \frac{\partial p}{\partial \eta}$  should strictly be interpreted in terms of potential+internal energy only when vertically integrated:

$$\int_{0}^{1} (c_{\nu}T + \phi) \frac{\partial p}{\partial \eta} = \int_{0}^{1} (c_{p}T + \phi - RT) \frac{\partial p}{\partial \eta} d\eta = \int_{0}^{1} \left( c_{p}T \frac{\partial p}{\partial \eta} + \frac{\partial}{\partial \eta} (p\phi) \right) d\eta = \int_{0}^{1} \left( c_{p}T + \phi_{s} \right) \frac{\partial p}{\partial \eta} d\eta$$
(A1.8)

Integrating the energy, mass, water vapour and ozone equations in the vertical, they may be written symbolically as:

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t}KE = -\left(\nabla \cdot F_{\mathcal{K}E}\right) - \left(\nabla \cdot F_{\mathcal{A}\phi-\phi_s}\right) + C_1 + C_2 \tag{A1.9}$$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t}PIE = -\left(\nabla \cdot \underline{F}_{PIE}\right) - C_1 - C_2 \tag{A1.10}$$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t}Mass = -\left(\nabla \cdot \underline{F}_{M}\right) \tag{A1.11}$$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t}TCWV = -\left(\nabla \cdot \underline{F}_q\right) \tag{A1.12}$$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t}TCO = -\left(\nabla \cdot \underline{F}_{O_3}\right) \tag{A1.13}$$

The vertically integrated variables are:

$$KE = \frac{1}{g} \int_0^1 \frac{1}{2} (\underline{v} \cdot \underline{v}) \frac{\partial p}{\partial \eta} d\eta$$
(A1.14)

$$PIE = \frac{1}{g} \int_0^1 \left( c_p T + \phi_s \right) \frac{\partial p}{\partial \eta} d\eta = CPT + \phi_s Mass$$
(A1.15)

$$CPT = \frac{1}{g} \int_0^1 c_p T \frac{\partial p}{\partial \eta} d\eta$$
(A1.16)

$$Mass = \frac{1}{g} \int_0^1 \frac{\partial p}{\partial \eta} d\eta = \frac{p_s}{g}$$
(A1.17)

$$TCWV = \frac{1}{g} \int_0^1 g \frac{\partial p}{\partial \eta} d\eta$$
(A1.18)

$$TCO = \frac{1}{g} \int_0^1 O_3 \frac{\partial p}{\partial \eta} d\eta$$
(A1.19)

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The fluxes are:

$$F_{KE} = \frac{1}{g} \int_{0}^{1} \frac{v^{2}}{2} \left( \frac{v}{v} \cdot \frac{v}{v} \right) \frac{\partial p}{\partial \eta} d\eta$$
(A1.20)

$$E_{\phi-\phi_s} = \frac{1}{g} \int_0^1 \psi(\phi - \phi_s) \frac{\partial p}{\partial \eta} d\eta = E_{\phi} - E_{\phi_s}$$
(A1.21)

$$F_{\phi} = \frac{1}{g} \int_{0}^{1} \psi \phi \frac{\partial p}{\partial \eta} d\eta$$
(A1.22)

$$E_{\phi_s} = \frac{1}{g} \int_0^1 v \phi_s \frac{\partial p}{\partial \eta} d\eta = \phi_s E_M$$
(A1.23)

$$F_{PIE} = \frac{1}{g} \int_{0}^{1} v(c_{p}T + \phi_{s}) \frac{\partial p}{\partial \eta} d\eta = F_{CPT} + \phi_{s} F_{M}$$
(A1.24)

$$F_{CPT} = \frac{1}{g} \int_{0}^{1} \chi c_{p} T \frac{\partial p}{\partial \eta} d\eta$$
(A1.25)

$$E_{M} = \frac{1}{g} \int_{0}^{1} \frac{\partial p}{\partial \eta} d\eta$$
(A1.26)

$$F_{q} = \frac{1}{g} \int_{0}^{1} \varepsilon q \, \frac{\partial p}{\partial \eta} d\eta \tag{A1.27}$$

$$F_{O_3} = \frac{1}{g} \int_0^1 \psi O_3 \frac{\partial p}{\partial \eta} d\eta$$
(A1.28)

and the energy conversions are:

$$C_1 = -\frac{1}{g} \int_0^1 \frac{RT\omega}{p} \frac{\partial p}{\partial \eta} d\eta$$
(A1.29)

$$C2 = -\frac{1}{g} \int_0^1 \left( \underbrace{v}_s \frac{\partial p}{\partial \eta} \cdot \nabla \phi_s \right) d\eta = -\underbrace{F}_M \cdot \nabla \phi_s \tag{A1.30}$$

The conversion term  $C_2$  is also given by:

$$C_2 = -\underline{F}_{\mathcal{M}} \cdot \nabla \phi_s = -\nabla \cdot \underline{F}_{\phi_s} + \phi_s \nabla \cdot \underline{F}_{\mathcal{M}} = C_3 + \phi_s \nabla \cdot \underline{F}_{\mathcal{M}}$$
(A1.31)

where

$$C_3 = -\nabla \cdot \underline{F}_{\phi s} \tag{A1.32}$$

The flux  $\mathcal{F}_{\phi s}$  can be simply calculated as  $\phi_s \mathcal{F}_M$  and the conversion term  $C_3$  is given by the convergence of this flux.



The two energy equations can also be written:

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t}KE = -\left(\nabla \cdot \underline{F}_{KE}\right) - \left(\nabla \cdot \underline{F}_{\phi}\right) + C_1 + C_3$$
(A1.33)

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t}PIE = -\left(\nabla \cdot \underline{F}_{CPT}\right) - C_1 - C_3 \tag{A1.34}$$

Combining (A1.33), (A1.34) and L\*(A1.12) gives the equation for total energy, TE, as

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t}TE = -\nabla \cdot \underline{F}_{TE} \tag{A1.35}$$

where

$$TE = KE + L * TCWV + PIE$$

$$= \frac{1}{g} \int_{0}^{1} \left( \frac{1}{2} (v \cdot v) + Lq + c_{p}T + \phi_{s} \right) \frac{\partial p}{\partial \eta} d\eta$$
(A1.36)

and

$$F_{TE} = F_{KE} + LF_{q} + F_{CPT} + F_{\phi}$$

$$= \frac{1}{g} \int_{0}^{1} v \left( \frac{1}{2} (v \cdot v) + Lq + c_{p}T + \phi \right) \frac{\partial p}{\partial \eta} d\eta$$
(A1.37)

Note that the surface geopotential,  $\phi_s$ , is a fixed or invariant field, so that all RHS terms in the budget equations (A1.35) and (A1.9) to (A1.13) or (A1.33), (A1.34), (A1.11), (A1.12) and (A1.13) can thus be computed in terms of the supplied integrals, applying a divergence operator and simple multiplications where needed. These operations can be carried out either on the instantaneous values or on their monthly means.

A constant value, L=2.5008E+06 J kg<sup>-1</sup> has been used for the latent heat coefficient in the energy integrals. In the enthalpy and energy integrals Cp = Cpd\*(1.-q) + Cvd\*q as defined in the IFS documentation. The vertical integral,  $\frac{1}{g} \int_{0}^{1} e \frac{\partial p}{\partial \eta} d\eta$ , of a quantity *e* that is defined by its values  $e_k$  at the 60 full model levels is evaluated as  $\frac{1}{g} \sum_{k=1}^{60} e_k \left( p_{k+\frac{1}{2}} - p_{k-\frac{1}{2}} \right)$