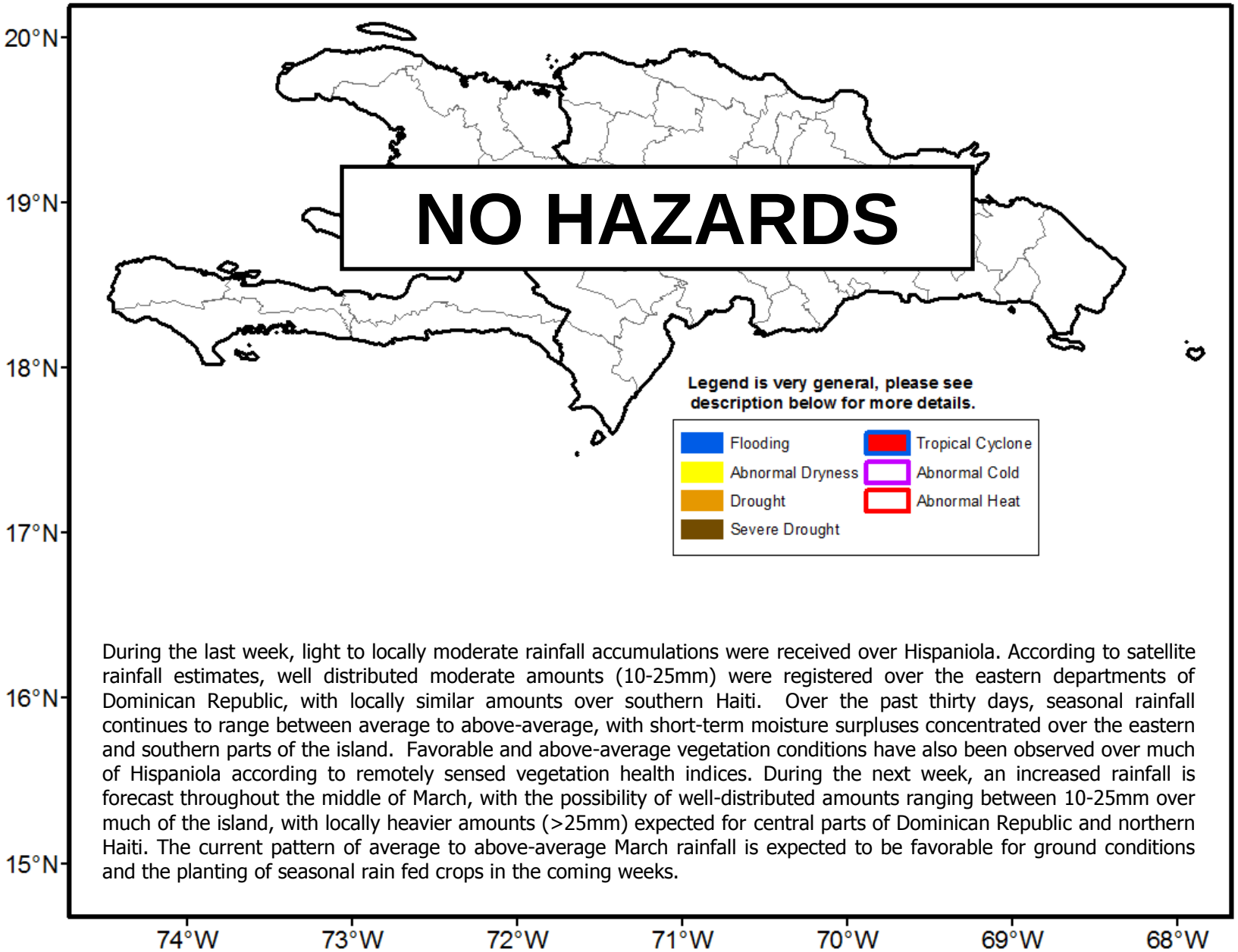
Climate Prediction Center's Hispaniola Hazards Outlook
March 15 – 21, 2018

- **Increased rains forecast for many parts of Hispaniola during early March.**



During the last week, light to locally moderate rainfall accumulations were received over Hispaniola. According to satellite rainfall estimates, well distributed moderate amounts (10-25mm) were registered over the eastern departments of Dominican Republic, with locally similar amounts over southern Haiti. Over the past thirty days, seasonal rainfall continues to range between average to above-average, with short-term moisture surpluses concentrated over the eastern and southern parts of the island. Favorable and above-average vegetation conditions have also been observed over much of Hispaniola according to remotely sensed vegetation health indices. During the next week, an increased rainfall is forecast throughout the middle of March, with the possibility of well-distributed amounts ranging between 10-25mm over much of the island, with locally heavier amounts (>25mm) expected for central parts of Dominican Republic and northern Haiti. The current pattern of average to above-average March rainfall is expected to be favorable for ground conditions and the planting of seasonal rain fed crops in the coming weeks.

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