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GENERAL SUMMARY

7.2 MARINE CLIMATOLOGICAL SUMMARY SCHEME (MCSS) (agenda item 7.2)

7.2.3 The Commission noted with appreciation that the revisions to the contents of the International List of Selected, Supplementary and Auxiliary Ship (WMO-No. 47) which had been agreed at its eleventh session had been implemented. In the light of advice received from the Secretariat, and in response to the request made by its eleventh session for a harmonization of the country codes used in that publication and in the IMMT format, the Commission endorsed the proposal made by the Subgroup on Marine Climatology that the internationally-accepted ISO Alpha-2 country or area codes should be used in both cases. Recommendation 8 (CMM-XII) was, therefore, adopted.

RECOMMENDATION 8 (CMM-XII)

HARMONIZED COUNTRY CODES IN THE IMMT FORMAT AND THE INTERNATIONAL LIST OF SELECTED, SUPPLEMENTARY AND AUXILIARY SHIPS (WMO-NO. 47)

THE COMMISSION FOR MARINE METEOROLOGY,
NOTING:

- (1) Recommendation 16 (CMM-XI) – Modifications to the International List of Selected, Supplementary and Auxiliary Ships (WMO-No. 47),
- (2) The final report of the seventh session of the CMM Subgroup on Marine Climatology (Geneva, April 1996), paragraphs 7.1 and 7.2 and Annex XI,

NOTING with appreciation that:

- (1) WMO-No. 47 had been revised in accordance with the recommendation of CMM-XI and was now available to users in electronic form, including through the WMO homepage on the Internet,
- (2) The ISO Alpha-a country or area codes had already been adopted for use in the International List of Selected, Supplementary and Auxiliary Ships,

CONSIDERING:

- (1) The importance to users of marine climatological data of having the same country code system used uniformly in the International List of Selected, Supplementary and Auxiliary Ships, in data exchange in the IMMT format, and in the MCSS data archives,
- (2) That the MCSS archives could adapt to the use of the ISO Alpha-2 code,

BEING INFORMED that the ISO codes were likely to remain stable, with former country codes continuing to be available,

RECOMMENDS:

- (1) That the ISO Alpha-2 country or area codes given in the annex to this recommendation be used as the country codes in the IMMT format for MCSS data exchange and in the MCSS data archives, with effect for data exchange from 1 January 1998;
- (2) That these codes be included in the Guide to Marine Meteorological Services (WMO-No. 471), to replace the existing IMMT country codes, with effect from the same date.

===== Annex to Recommendation 8 to be inserted =====