**Appendix A.II.2.2.4-c**

**ACCESS TO GPC DATA AND VISUALIZATION PRODUCTS**

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(a) Access to GPC data and graphical products from LC-LRFMME Websites will be password protected.

(b) Digital GPC data will be only redistributed in cases where the GPC data policy allows it. In other cases, requests for GPC output should be referred to the relevant GPC.

(c) Formally designated GPCs and RCCs, NMHSs and institutions coordinating RCOFs are eligible for password protected access to information held and produced by the LC-LRFMME. Entities which are in demonstration phase to seek designation as GPCs or RCCs are also eligible for password protected access to information held and produced by the LC-LRFMME, provided a formal notification has been issued in this regard by WMO Secretary-General.

(d) Institutions other than, but providing contributions to, those identified in (c) above, may also request access to LC-LRFMME products. These institutions, referred to as “supporting institutions” and including research centres, require endorsement letters from (1) the Permanent Representative of the country where they are hosted, and (2) the executive manager of the entity they wish to provide contributions to (i.e., RCCs, Institutions coordinating RCOFs and NMHSs). The use of LC-LRFMME products by supporting institutions is restricted to assistance of the organizations identified in (c) in their production of official forecast outputs. Supporting institutions may not use LC-LRFMME products to generate and display/disseminate independent forecast products. Supporting institutions must agree with these restrictions to be eligible for access. Prior to access being granted to an applicant supporting institution, the LC-LRFMME will refer the application to the CBS-CCl Expert Team on Operational Prediction from Subseasonal to Longer time Scales (ET-OPSLS) through the WMO Secretariat, for final consultation and review. Decisions to allow access must be unanimous. The Lead Centre will be informed by the WMO Secretariat of such new users accepted for access.

(e) A list of users provided with password access will be maintained by LC-LRFMME and reviewed periodically by the CBS-CCl ET-OPSLS, to measure the degree of effective use and also to identify any changes in status of eligible users, and determine further necessary follow-up.