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ADMINISTRATIVE ISSUES

Procedures for amending
Manuals on Codes and the GTS

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**Summary and Purpose of Document**

This is to show the current Procedures for amending the Manuals on Codes and the GTS.

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**ACTION PROPOSED**

The meeting will note the Procedures.

**REFERENCES:**

 1. [Recommendation 6 (CBS-XIV), 2009](http://www.wmo.int/pages/prog/www/ISS/Meetings/IPET-CM_Offenbach2018/References/1-CBS_XIV_2009_REC6_20090701.pdf)

 2. [Resolution 7 (EC-LXI), 2009](http://www.wmo.int/pages/prog/www/ISS/Meetings/IPET-CM_Offenbach2018/References/1-EC_LXI_2009_RES7_20090701.pdf)

 3. [Recommendation 9 (CBS-XV), 2012](http://www.wmo.int/pages/prog/www/ISS/Meetings/IPET-CM_Offenbach2018/References/2-CBS_XV_2012_REC9_Clarify_20130701.pdf)

 4. [Resolution 15 (EC-LXV), 2013](http://www.wmo.int/pages/prog/www/ISS/Meetings/IPET-CM_Offenbach2018/References/2-EC_LXV_2013_RES15_Clarify_20130701.pdf)

 5. [Recommendation 15 (CBS-Ext. 2014)](http://www.wmo.int/pages/prog/www/ISS/Meetings/IPET-CM_Offenbach2018/References/3-CBS_2014_REC15_Replace_20150701.pdf)

 6. [Resolution 21 (Cg-XVII), 2015](http://www.wmo.int/pages/prog/www/ISS/Meetings/IPET-CM_Offenbach2018/References/3-Cg_XVII_2015_RES21_Replace_20160101.pdf)

 7. [Resolution 12 (EC-LXVIII), 2016](http://www.wmo.int/pages/prog/www/ISS/Meetings/IPET-CM_Offenbach2018/References/4-EC_LXVIII_2016_RES12_WMOPres-TechSpec_20160624.pdf)

 8. [Recommendation 25 (CBS-XVI), 2016](http://www.wmo.int/pages/prog/www/ISS/Meetings/IPET-CM_Offenbach2018/References/5-CBS-XVI_2016_REC25_TechSpec.pdf)

 9. [Resolution 12 (EC-69), 2017](http://www.wmo.int/pages/prog/www/ISS/Meetings/IPET-CM_Offenbach2018/References/5-EC_69_2017_RES12_TechSpec_20170517.pdf)

**DISCUSSIONS**

1. The Procedures for amending the Manual on Codes (WMO-No. 306) were implemented on 1 July 2009 (Res. 7 (EC-LXI)), introducing the new procedure for adoption between CBS sessions to supplement the fast-track procedure already in use.

2. Yet another new step, i.e. adoption by the President of WMO, was introduced to the fast-track procedure in 2016 (Res. 12 (EC\_LXVIII)). At the same time, the TDCF tables in the Volume I.2, Manual on Codes and the data designator tables in Attachment II-5, Manual on the GTS (WMO-No. 386) were designated as technical specifications, which "may" be amended by the fast-track procedure.

3. In May 2017, the Volume I.2 was designated as technical specifications. Since then, the Volume I.2, including B/C Regulations and Regulations of BUFR and GRIB may be amended by the fast-track procedure.

4. Regardless of the above, the fast-track procedure and the procedure for adoption between CBS sessions have a practical constraint, which is "unanimous approval" principle. Accordingly, the procedure to be used for an amendment has always been a subject for the decision by IPET-CM.

**PROPOSAL**

It is therefore required, when IPET-CM approves an amendment to the Volume I.2, in particular, on B/C Regulations and Regulations of GRIB, BUFR and CREX, to choose an appropriate procedure for that amendment so as to avoid any risks that the amendment will be rejected.