

Annex 3 to Recommendation 3 (CBS-XII)

Modifications to Code Forms:

FM 15-X Ext. METAR

FM 16-X Ext. SPECI

- 1) Code form. *Delete* the brackets from the time group YYGGggZ;
- 2) Code form. *Add* “or NSC” under “SKC”;
- 3) Code form. *Add* “(WT_sT_s/SS)” after “WS ALL RWY”;
- 4) Code form. *Add* “(R_RR_RE_RC_Re_Re_RB_RB_R)” after “(WT_sT_s/SS)”.
- 5) ~~15.1.1. *Delete* the last sentence “However, in a bulletin the code name METAR and SPECI may be omitted by regional air navigation agreement, or agreement between the authorities concerned”;~~ **(Modification postponed until further notice)**
- 6) 15.3.1. *Amend* to read as follows “The day of the month and the time of observation in hours and minutes UTC followed, without a space, by the letter indicator Z shall be included in each individual METAR report.”;
- 7) 15.3.2. *Amend* to the first sentence to read as follows “This group shall be included in each individual SPECI report.”; *Retain* the second sentence;
- 8) 15.5.2. *Amend* the second sentence to read as follows: “A variable wind at higher speeds shall be reported only when the variation of wind direction is 180° or more, or when it is impossible to determine a single wind direction, for example when a thunderstorm passes over the aerodrome”;
- 9) 15.5.3. *Add* “but less than 180°” after “60° or more”;
- 10) 15.5.6. *Add* a new sentence at the end of the paragraph to read as follows: “When the wind speed is 100 knots or more (50 m s⁻¹ or 200 km/h), the groups “ff” and “f_mf_m” shall be preceded by the letter indicator P and reported as P99KT (P49MPS or P199KMH); *Introduce* the following note after 15.5.6: “There is no aeronautical requirement to report surface wind speeds of 200 km/h (100 kt) or more; however, provision has been made for reporting wind speeds up to 399 km/h (199 kt) for non-aeronautical purposes, as necessary”.

15.6 *Introduce* the following note:

“NOTE : The coding of visibility is based on the use of the metre and kilometre, in accordance with the units specified in ICAO Annex 5. However, some Members in Region IV use statute miles and fractions thereof in accordance with national coding procedures as indicated in the Volume II of this Manual, *Regional Codes and National Coding Practices*.”

- 11) 15.6.4 *Delete* “Horizontal”;
a) and b). *Amend* “500 metres” to read “800 metres”.
- 12) 15.7 *Introduce* the following note:

“NOTE : The coding of runway visual range is based on the use of the metre, in accordance with the unit specified in ICAO Annex 5. However, some Members in Region IV use feet in accordance with national coding procedures as indicated in the Volume II of this Manual, *Regional Codes and National Coding Practices*.”

- 13) 15.7.2. Add “up to a maximum of four” after “each runway”;
- 14) 15.7.3. Replace the third and fourth sentences with the following: “The letter(s) shall be appended to $D_R D_R$ as necessary in accordance with the standard practice for runway designation, as laid down by ICAO in Annex 14 — *Aerodromes, Volume I — Aerodrome Design and Operations*, paragraphs 5.2.2.4 and 5.2.2.5”;
- 15) 15.9. Add “or NSC” under “SKC”;
- 16) 15.9.1.1. Add the following as the last sentence: “If there are no clouds below 1500m (5000ft) or below the highest minimum sector altitude, whichever is greater, no cumulonimbus and no restriction on vertical visibility and the abbreviations “CAVOK” and “SKC” are not appropriate, then the abbreviation “NSC” shall be used”;
- 17) 15.13. Add “($W T_s T_s / S S$) ($R_R R_R E_R C_R e_R e_R B_R B_R$)” after “WS ALL RWY”;
- 18) 15.13.1. Add “and, subject to regional air navigation agreement, sea-surface temperature and state of the sea, and also subject to regional air navigation agreement, the state of the runway.”
- 19) 15.13.2.1. Insert after “with Regulation 15.8” the parenthesis: “(but no intensity of the recent weather phenomena shall be indicated)”;
- 20) 15.13.2.2. Delete in toto;
- 21) 15.13.4. Add the following regulations after this paragraph:
”15.13.5 *Sea-surface temperature and the state of the sea* ($W T_s T_s / S S$)
15.13.5.1 The sea-surface temperature shall, by regional agreement, be reported according to the regional ICAO Regulation 15.11. The state of the sea shall be reported in accordance with Code table 3700.
15.13.6 *State of the runway* ($R_R R_R E_R C_R e_R e_R B_R B_R$)
15.13.6.1 Subject to regional air navigation agreement, information on the state of the runway provided by the appropriate airport authority shall be included. The runway designator $R_R R_R$ shall be reported in accordance with the relevant ICAO regional Air Navigation Plan. The runway deposits E_R , the extent of runway contamination C_R , the depth of deposit $e_R e_R$ and the friction coefficient/braking action $B_R B_R$ shall be indicated in accordance with Code tables 0919, 0519, 1079 and 0366 respectively. The state of the runaway group shall be replaced by the abbreviation “SNOCLO” when the aerodrome is closed due to extreme deposit of snow. If contaminations on a single runway or on all runways at an aerodrome have ceased to exist, this should be reported by replacing the last six digits of the group by “CLR D//.”
- 22) 15.14 Insert a new regulation to read as follows:
”15.14.11 Regulation 15.5.6 shall apply.”

Renumber regulations 15.14.11 to 15.14.14 to 15.14.12 to 15.14.15.

FM 51-X Ext. TAF

Code form. *Delete* the brackets from the time group YYGGggZ;

Code form. *Delete* the brackets from the “or NSC”;

Code form. *Delete* groups (6l_ch_jh_jh_jt_L) and (5Bh_Bh_Bh_Bt_L);

Code form. *Amend* the temperature forecast group to read as follows: “(TXT_FT_F/G_FG_FZ TNT_FT_F/G_FG_FZ)”;

~~51.1.1 *Delete* the last sentence “However, in a bulletin the code name TAF may be omitted by regional air navigation agreement, or by agreement between the authorities concerned.”; (Modification postponed until further notice)~~

51.1.2. *Delete* the words “if required”;

51.4 *Introduce* the following note:

NOTE : The coding of visibility is based on the use of the metre and kilometre, in accordance with the units specified in ICAO Annex 5. However, in Region IV, statute miles and fractions thereof are used in accordance with national coding procedures as indicated in the Volume II of this Manual, *Regional Codes and National Coding Practices*.

51.6.3. *Delete* “When so determined by regional air navigation agreement”;

51.8 and 51.9. *Delete* in toto;

51.12. *Amend* to read “Group ((TXT_FT_F/G_FG_FZ TNT_FT_F/G_FG_FZ);

51.12.1. *Amend* to read as follows: “To indicate forecast maximum and minimum temperatures expected to occur at the time indicated by G_FG_FZ, the letter indicator TX for the maximum forecast temperature and TN for the minimum forecast temperature shall precede T_FT_F without a space.”;

51.12.3. *Delete* in toto;

FM 53-X Ext. ARFOR

Add the following note under ARFOR Code Form:

Note: No aeronautical requirement for this code form is stated by ICAO for international air navigation in the ICAO Annex 3 / WMO Technical Regulations [C.3.1].

CODE TABLES

0919

E_R Runway deposits

code
figure

0	Clear and dry
1	Damp
2	Wet and water patches
3	Rime and frost covered (depth normally less than 1 mm)
4	Dry snow
5	Wet snow
6	Slush
7	Ice
8	Compacted or rolled snow
9	Frozen ruts or ridges
/	Type of deposit not reported (e.g. due to runway clearance in progress)

0519

C_R Extent of runway contamination

code
figure

1	Less than 10 per cent of runway contaminated (covered)
2	11 per cent to 25 per cent of runway contaminated (covered)
3	Reserved
4	Reserved
5	26 per cent to 50 per cent of runway contaminated (covered)
6	Reserved
7	Reserved
8	Reserved
9	51 per cent to 100 per cent of runway contaminated (covered)
/	Not reported (e.g. due to runway clearance in progress)

e_Re_R Depth of deposit

code

figure

00 Less than 1 mm

01 1 mm

02 2 mm

03 3 mm

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89 89 mm

90 90 mm

91 Reserved

92 10 cm

93 15 cm

94 20 cm

95 25 cm

96 30 cm

97 35 cm

98 40 cm or more

99 Runway or runways non-operational due to snow, slush, ice, large drifts or runway clearance, but depth not reported

// Depth of deposit operationally not significant or not measurable

B_RB_R friction coefficient/braking action

code

figure

00 friction coefficient 0.00

01 friction coefficient 0.01

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88 friction coefficient 0.88

89 friction coefficient 0.89

90 friction coefficient 0.90

91 braking action poor

92 braking action medium/poor

93 braking action medium

94 braking action medium/good

95 braking action good

96 reserved

97 reserved

98 reserved

99 unreliable

// braking conditions not reported and/or runway not operational