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Annex: 1

Subject: Editorial adjustments to the Manual on Codes (WMO-No. 306)

Action required: Provide information on the implementation of the Corrigendum to Supplement No. 6 to the Manual on Codes, WMO-No. 306, Vol. I.1

Dear Sir/Madam,

I refer to Supplement No. 6 to Volume I.1 – Part A – Alphanumeric Codes of the Manual on Codes (WMO-No. 306), that was distributed to the WMO Members in August 2007 for operational implementation on 5 November 2008.

The joint meeting of the Coordination Team on Migration to Table Driven Code Forms and Expert Team on Data Representation and Codes (Geneva, Switzerland, 1-5 September 2008) reviewed the contents of Volume I.1 – Part A – Alphanumeric Codes of the Manual on Codes (WMO-No. 306) and agreed on minor or editorial adjustments to the Manual on Codes as follows:

(a) ***With respect to METAR/SPECI:***

- To amend the METAR/SPECI optional group "State of the runway" with a view to ensuring that it is consistent with other similar groups and with Amendment 74 to the ICAO Annex 3/WMO Technical Regulations [C.3.1] applicable as from 5 November 2008;
- To amend the Regulations 15.7.1, 15.8.14 and 15.8.15 with a view to ensuring unambiguous usage of the terms "horizontal visibility" and "visibility" in these regulations;
- To amend Regulation 15.10 with a view to ensuring that CAVOK is not used whenever the "prevailing visibility" is 10 km or more while the "minimum visibility" remains below 5000 m;

To: Permanent Representatives (or Directors of Meteorological or Hydrometeorological Services) of Members of WMO (PR-6386)

cc: Hydrological Advisers to Permanent Representatives)
President and vice-president of CBS)
Chair and co-chair of the OPAG-ISS) (for information)
Chair of the ET-DRC)

(b) *With respect to SYNOP:*

To amend Regulation 12.4.10.1 to allow inclusion of four cloud groups in SYNOP messages when cloud layers are reported by instrument in automatic mode;

(c) To proceed with a few editorial corrections to the Manual on Codes.

The joint meeting consequently agreed on the attached corrigendum to Supplement No. 6 for operational implementation on **5 November 2008**. The president of CBS endorsed this recommendation and requested the Secretariat to issue the corrigendum in accordance with Resolution 1 (Cg-XV) that requests the Secretary-General to ensure the editorial consistency of the WMO Technical Regulations.

I am pleased to attach herewith the corrigendum to Supplement No. 6 to Volume I.1 – Part A – Alphanumeric Codes of the Manual on Codes (WMO-No. 306) for operational implementation on 5 November 2008. I would be grateful for any information on the implementation of this corrigendum.

Yours faithfully,



(Hong Yan)
for the Secretary-General