***Caribbean Netherlands* – *Bonaire, St. Eustatius en Saba islands***

***new situation on provision of meteorological services***

**Information**

As from 01 January 2016, KNMI – The Netherlands (Region VI) will become responsible for the production and international distribution of all meteorological information for the Caribbean Netherlands (Region IV): the islands ***Bonaire***, ***St. Eustatius*** and ***Saba***.

This includes the provision of meteorological observations, forecasts and warnings.

With reference to station names, -identifiers, -meta data as well as bulletin assignment the following information is provided:

**1. WMO Vol. A**

The full names and WMO- and ICAO station identifiers are:

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| **WMO-id** | **ICAO-id**  | **Name** |
| 78871 | TNCS | Juancho E. Yrausquin Airport, Saba |
| 78873  | TNCE  | T.D. Roosevelt Airport, St. Eustatius |
| 78990  | TNCB  | Flamingo Airport, Bonaire |

***NOTE*** *– Additional information and meta data corrections on all three observation stations will be implemented in the WMO Voume A station list in due time but well before 1 January 2016.*

**2. WMO Vol. C1**

The following new bulletins will be produced and made available through GTS:

***TAF***

FTDC31 EHDB, containing the TAF report of TNCB only.

***AUTO METAR***

SADC31 EHDB, containing (AUTO) METAR reports of TNCB and TNCE.

SPDC31 EHDB, containing SPECI reports of TNCB (only during opening hours).

***NOTE*** *– Aeronautical observation reports will be produced with an hourly interval. During opening hours at Bonaire aerodrome, METAR will be distributed and SPECI when applicable (manned situation).*

***BUFR SYNOP***

Hourly synoptic reports in BUFR format will be produced for the 3 observation stations (78871, 78873 and 78990), which are all included in the bulletins:

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| ISNA01 EHDB | (non standard) |
| ISIA01 EHDB | (intermediate) |
| ISMA01 EHDB | (main) |

**3. A1A2**

Country designator A1A2, as indicated in Table C1 (Part I) of WMO-No. 386, will be administratively adjusted as follows:

***New situation*** (per 1 January 2016):

Part I - Country or Territory Designators

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| **A1A2** | **Country** |
| NU | ~~Netherlands Antilles (Bonaire,~~ Curacao~~)~~ and Aruba |
| MN | St. Maarten~~, St. Eustatius and Saba~~ |
| DC | Caribbean Netherlands (Bonaire, St. Eustatius and Saba islands) |

***NOTE*** – DC is a new designator in use!

**KNMI – The Netherlands**

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