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Annex: 1 (available in English only)

Subject: Regional and Global Arrangements for the provision of transport model products for Environmental Emergency Response

Action required: To complete the form on the Delegated Authority and NMS' Operational Contact Point and return it to the WMO Secretariat **by 20 October 2014**

Dear Sir/Madam,

Reference is made to the WMO circular letter ref.: WDS/DPFS-ERA/2012, dated 27 February 2012, by which the WMO Secretariat has kindly requested you to complete the form on the Delegated Authority and NMS' Operational Contact Point associated with the Regional and Global Arrangements for the provision of transport model products for Environmental Emergency Response. According to these Regional and Global Arrangements, stated in Appendix I-3 of the Manual on the Global Data-Processing and Forecasting System (GDPFS) (WMO-No. 485), available on the WMO website at <http://www.wmo.int/pages/prog/www/DPFS/Manual/GDPFS-Manual.html> the WMO Regional Specialized Meteorological Centres (RSMCs) with activity specialization in this field shall provide products when the Delegated Authority<sup>1</sup> of any country in the RSMC region of responsibility requests RSMC support. Upon receipt of a request, the RSMC shall provide basic information to the National Meteorological Service (NMS)<sup>2</sup> of that country.

As you are aware, thru facsimile is still the current official transmission method of RSMC products that support operational nuclear environmental emergency response, and those regular facsimile tests by RSMCs, and the 2011 nuclear incident have shown a significant rate of delivery failure. However, a plan has been developed for the migration of the distribution of RSMC products from facsimile to e-mail/Internet distribution. The facsimile distribution would be

<sup>1</sup> The person authorized by the Permanent Representative of the country with WMO to request RSMC Support. Current designation can be found on the WMO website at: [http://www.wmo.int/pages/prog/www/DPFSERA/delegated\\_authorities.htm](http://www.wmo.int/pages/prog/www/DPFSERA/delegated_authorities.htm).

<sup>2</sup> The RSMC products will be provided to the NMS Operational Contact Point designated by the Permanent Representative of the country with WMO. Current designation can be found on the WMO website at: [http://www.wmo.int/pages/prog/www/DPFSERA/nmhs\\_operations.htm](http://www.wmo.int/pages/prog/www/DPFSERA/nmhs_operations.htm).

To: Permanent Representatives (or Directors of Meteorological or Hydrometeorological Services) of Members of WMO (PR-6794)


cc: Chairperson and vice-chairperson, CBS Expert Team on )  
Emergency Response Activities ) (for information)  
Points of Contact, RSMCs for Environmental Emergency )  
Response and/or Backtracking )

maintained by exception only (if requested by the designated NMS Operational Contact Point), in particular for regions where Internet capabilities are still limited.

For the purpose of collecting the necessary up-to-date information related to: (i) the Delegated Authority authorized by the Permanent Representative with WMO to request RSMC Support; and (ii) the NMS Operational Contact Point designated by the Permanent Representative to receive RSMC products, including a **single e-mail address**, ideally monitored 24/7, to receive notification whenever the RSMC products become available, a form (given in the Annex) has been prepared (electronic form available on the WMO website at <http://www.wmo.int/pages/prog/www/DPFSERA/Questionnaires/Delegated-authority.html>).

I should be grateful if you could kindly arrange for the completion of the form and for its return to the WMO Secretariat, at your earliest convenience, but preferably **not later than 20 October 2014** by e-mail ([dpfsmail@wmo.int](mailto:dpfsmail@wmo.int)) or facsimile (+41 22 730 8128), attention to: Ms P. Gomez.

Yours faithfully,



(M. Jarraud)  
Secretary-General

## WORLD METEOROLOGICAL ORGANIZATION

## DELEGATED AUTHORITY AND NMHS' OPERATIONAL CONTACT POINT

Please return completed form to WMO Secretariat by regular mail, e-mail ([dpfsmail@wmo.int](mailto:dpfsmail@wmo.int)) or telefax attn. Ms Pascale Gomez (+41-22 730 81 28) by **20 October 2014**.

**COUNTRY :** .....

**NAME, PHONE AND FACSIMILE OF THE DELEGATED AUTHORITY :**

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**NAME, PHONE AND FACSIMILE (optional) OF THE NMHS' OPERATIONAL CONTACT POINT :**

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**ONE EMAIL ADDRESS FOR THE NMHS' OPERATIONAL CONTACT POINT TO RECEIVE THE NOTIFICATION THAT RSMC PRODUCTS ARE AVAILABLE (FACSIMILE, IF PROVIDED, WILL ONLY BE USED AS BACKUP):**

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Name : .....

Title : Permanent Representative of ..... with WMO

Signed : .....