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Subject: Amendments to the WMO *Technical Regulations, Volume I - General Meteorological Standards and Recommended Practices (WMO-No. 49)*, *Manual on the WMO Integrated Global Observing System: Annex VIII to the WMO Technical Regulations (WMO-No. 1160)*

Action required: To provide the WMO Secretariat with your feedback on the draft document by **31 March 2021**

Dear Sir/Madam,

As you may be aware, the Eighteenth World Meteorological Congress, through its [Resolution 35 \(Cg-18\)](#) - WMO Integrated Global Observing System Station Identifiers, decided to delegate authority to:

- (1) The Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty Organization (CTBTO),
- (2) The relevant authority for the observing component of the Global Atmosphere Watch (GAW),
- (3) The relevant authority for the observing component of the Global Cryosphere Watch,
- (4) The relevant authority for the Global Climate Observing System (GCOS) Reference Upper-Air Network (GRUAN),

to issue WIGOS station identifiers for non-National Meteorological and Hydrological Services (NMHS) observing stations that contribute to the relevant network on behalf of Members under the circumstances and following the processes as specified in the annex to this Resolution. Congress also requested the Secretary-General to delegate authority to other WIGOS Station Identifier (WSI) issuers, as deemed necessary, to support the WIGOS implementation.

In accordance with this Resolution, the Commission for Observation, Infrastructure and Information Systems ([INFCOM](#)) further developed the relevant provisions of the *Manual on the WMO Integrated Global Observing System (WMO-No. 1160)* to be submitted to EC-73 for approval.

The second part of the First session of the Commission for Observation, Infrastructure and Information Systems ([INFCOM-1 \(II\)](#)) (9-13 November 2020, recommended to the Executive Council to adopt the draft amendments to the *Manual on the WMO Integrated Global Observing System (WMO-No. 1160)*, section 2.4.1 and Attachment 2.2, as provided in the document [INFCOM-1-d04-1-1\(3\)-WIGOS-STATION-IDENTIFIERS-approved_en.docx](#).

To: Permanent Representatives of Members with WMO

cc: Hydrological Advisers

I am pleased to inform you that these draft amendments are now available for your review. They may be accessed at the <https://community.wmo.int/key-pubs> or at the links provided above.

The review process is in accordance with the General Provisions of the *Technical Regulations* that any amendments to the *Technical Regulations* submitted by Members or by constituent bodies should be communicated to all Members at least three months before they are submitted to the constituent body session.

You are kindly invited to provide your comments or edits (as track changes in the document) to the WMO Secretariat: Dr Anthony Rea, Director, Infrastructure Department (area@wmo.int), with a copy to Mr Etienne Charpentier, Head, Observing Networks and Measurement Division (echarpentier@wmo.int) and Dr Igor Zahumensky, Scientific Officer (izahumensky@wmo.int) at your earliest convenience, but not later than **31 March 2021**. This timeline will allow the document to be modified and submitted in time for the EC-73 session in May/June 2021.

I would like to thank you for your important contribution to this review. Should you or your experts require additional information or clarification about this process, please do not hesitate to contact the WMO Secretariat contacts listed above.

Yours faithfully,



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for the Secretary-General