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Subject: Discontinuation of the *Technical Regulations, Volume II: Meteorological Service for International Air Navigation* (WMO-No. 49)

Dear Sir/Madam,

In [Resolution 12 \(Cg-19\)](#) – Plan of Action for the Discontinuation of the Technical Regulations (WMO-No. 49), Volume II, Meteorological Service for International Air Navigation, the World Meteorological Congress approved the following plan of action:

- (1) Part I, *International Standards and Recommended Practices: Core Standards and Recommended Practices* and Part II, *International Standards and Recommended Practices: Appendices and Attachments* of WMO-No. 49, Volume II shall be discontinued with effect 31 December 2023.
- (2) Part III, *Aeronautical Climatology* and Part IV, *Format and Preparation of Flight Documentation* of WMO-No. 49, Volume II shall be discontinued upon the incorporation of material of continuing relevance into the *Procedures for Air Navigation Services – Meteorology* (PANS-MET) (Doc 10157) of the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO), preferably as part of Amendment 1 to PANS-MET (provisionally 2026).

In this connection, I am pleased to inform you that the Secretariat has commenced the work required to discontinue [Technical Regulations, Volume II: Meteorological Service for International Air Navigation](#) (WMO-No. 49), including the initiation of consequential amendments or updates of extant WMO publications that refer to the legacy WMO publication as well as the incorporation of material of continuing relevance from Parts III and IV of *Technical Regulations, Volume II* (WMO-No. 49), into ICAO PANS-MET.

I should like to remind you that Resolution 12 (Cg-19) urged Members with responsibility to provide aeronautical meteorological services to gain free, online access to [Annex 3 to the Convention on International Civil Aviation, Meteorological Service for International Air Navigation](#) and, when available, the PANS-MET (Doc 10157) via the electronic library (<https://elibrary.icao.int/>), kindly hosted by ICAO or by other appropriate means. It is worthwhile to note here that PANS-MET will not be published by ICAO until the second half of 2024.

To: Permanent Representatives of Members with WMO

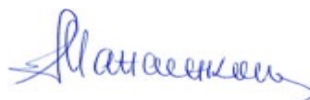
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Lastly, I should like to inform you that the Secretariat is maintaining an online communications package pertaining to the discontinuation of *Technical Regulations, Volume II: Meteorological Service for International Air Navigation* (WMO-No. 49), (<https://community.wmo.int/en/activity-areas/aviation/resources/tech-regs-v2-discontinuation>). The communications package summarizes the background, latest developments and next steps associated with the discontinuation of this publication and provides access to a detailed plan of action (multilingual), information sheets and frequently asked questions that can be downloaded for offline review.

Should you have questions for clarification in respect of the discontinuation of *Technical Regulations, Volume II: Meteorological Service for International Air Navigation* (WMO-No. 49), and/or should you require assistance in obtaining access to the aforementioned ICAO publications, please do not hesitate to contact the Secretariat of the Services for Aviation Division, Services Department (aviation@wmo.int).

Yours faithfully,



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