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Subject: Termination of OSCAR/Surface Volume A legacy files by **14 December 2022**

Action required: Notify the WMO Secretariat regarding any concerns and/or suggestions

Dear Sir/Madam,

I wish to inform you that the publication of the “legacy files” related to the former WMO-No. 9, Volume A, “*Observing Stations and WMO Catalogue of Radiosondes*”, will be discontinued on 14 December 2022. The legacy files have been replaced by the Web Application Programming Interface (API) provided by the surface component of the Observing Systems Capability Analysis and Review Web tool [OSCAR/Surface](#) which entered into operation in 2016. Operational data users such as Numerical Weather Prediction (NWP) centres which automatically collect the information from the legacy files are therefore invited to upgrade their system to use the OSCAR/Surface API instead.

I wish to highlight that information on how to migrate your operational systems to use the OSCAR/Surface Web API is provided in the [OSCAR/Surface user manual](#) to facilitate your final migration steps.

You may wish to forward this advance notice to other users that you might be aware of in your country, to inform them about the termination and necessary migration action. Should you have any concerns and/or suggestions related to the termination of Volume A legacy files, or with the migration of your IT systems to the OSCAR/Surface-API, please contact the WMO Secretariat directly via wis@wmo.int and oscar@wmo.int.

I take the opportunity to thank you for the continuous support you are providing to WMO activities.

Yours faithfully,

Dr Wenjian Zhang
for the Secretary-General

To: Permanent Representatives of Members with WMO

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