



WORKING PAPER

**MEETING OF THE METEOROLOGY PANEL (METP)
WORKING GROUP MOG**

FIRST MEETING

Gatwick, London, United Kingdom, 8 to 11 September 2015

Agenda Item 3: Matters relating to SADIS

3.4.: Development of the SADIS under METP and WGs

**CESSATION OF DISTRIBUTION OF LAST T4 FORMATTED DATA AND REMOVAL
OF REFERENCES TO T4 FROM USER GUIDE DOCUMENTATION**

(Presented by the SADIS Provider)

SUMMARY

This working paper seeks endorsement to cease the last T4 products being delivered via SADIS, and to update all references in SADIS User Guide in relation to T4.

Action by the METP-WG/MOG is in paragraph 4.

1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 This paper seeks endorsement to cease the last T4 products being delivered via SADIS, and to update any and all legacy references in SADIS documentation relating to T4.

2. DISCUSSION

2.1 Historically T4 (docfax) formatted data used to be distributed via SADIS. As such, there are legacy references to T4 channels on SADIS 2G, in SADIS related documentation, and in admin messages.

2.2 The only T4 products still being distributed via SADIS are Volcanic Ash Graphic (VAG) products issued by Tokyo Volcanic Ash Advisory Centre (VAAC). These have WMO Abbreviated Header Lines of PHVA10 RJTD (non-standard product) and PHVA15 RJTD. Tokyo VAAC also issues Annex 3 compliant VAG products in PNG format with WMO Abbreviated Header Lines, and these are available on SADIS 2G and Secure SADIS FTP (PFXD01 RJTD).

2.3 It is therefore proposed to cease distribution of the T4 VAG products via SADIS, effective 1200 UTC 17 November 2015.

3. **CONCLUSION**

3.1 **Cease distribution of last T4 formatted Volcanic Ash Graphic product.**

3.1.1 In light of the foregoing information relating to T4 versions of Volcanic Ash Graphic, the meeting is invited to formulate the following draft Conclusion;

Conclusion 1/xx Cease distribution of last T4 formatted Volcanic Ash Graphic product

That, the SADIS Provider cease distribution of the last T4 formatted Volcanic Ash Graphic product with effect from 1200 UTC 17 November 2015.

Note 1: - The affected WMO Abbreviated Header Lines are PHVA10 RJTD and PHVA15 RJTD.

Note 2: - The SADIS Provider will inform users via administrative message (NOUK10 EGRR) accordingly in advance of ceasing distribution.

Note 3: - Any legacy references to 'T4' formats in extant SADIS documentation should be removed as soon as practicable.

4. **ACTION BY THE METP-WG/MOG**

4.1 The METP-WG/MOG is invited to:

- a) note the information contained in this paper; and
- b) decide on the draft conclusion proposed for the group's consideration.

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