



STUDY NOTE

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

SEVENTH MEETING

Offenbach, Germany, 11 to 13 April 2018

Agenda Item 3.2: Operational Matters

WAFS Management Report
(Presented by the WAFS Provider States)

SUMMARY

The management report relating to WAFS forecast provision has been compiled for the period March 2017 to March 2018. This study note also proposes a change to future reports.

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

1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 The WAFCs have continued to monitor the production of WAFS Gridded and SIGWX forecasts. The management report is presented in Appendix A.

2. DISCUSSION

2.1 The management report follows the same format as last year. Over the years more and more detailed information has been requested at previous METP-MOG and WAFSOPSG meetings, which has now made the report overly complex and repetitive.

2.2 Far more information is presented in the WAFS management report than is provided in the equivalent report produced by the Volcanic Ash Advisory Centres. Therefore the WAFCs are unsure of the benefit in providing such a comprehensive level of detail.

2.3 The WAFCs wish to revise the format of future management reports; to simplify it, and to remove un-necessary content and repetition.

3. CONCLUSION

3.1 The group is invited to read the WAFS Management report presented in Appendix A and formulate the following decision:

Decision 7/xx – WAFS Management Report

That the METP-WG/MOG accepts the WAFS Management report as written.

3.2 The group is also invited to formulate the following draft action:

Agreed Action 7/xx – WAFS Management Report

That the WAFCs will reduce the content of future WAFS Management reports

4. ACTION BY THE METP-WG/MOG

4.1 The METP-WG/MOG is invited to:

- a) note the information contained in this paper
- b) assist in formulating the decision presented in 3.1 and to note the actions presented in 3.2