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MEETING OF THE METEOROLOGICAL
INFORMATION EXCHANGE WORKING
GROUP (MET/IE WG/24)**

Nadi, Fiji, 21 to 24 April 2026

Agenda Item 3: Quality Control, Monitoring, and Management of Meteorological Information Exchange**UPDATE OF METEOROLOGICAL REPORTING SCHEDULES IN THE ROBEX MANUAL**

(Presented by Fiji)

SUMMARY

This paper proposes updates to the ROBEX Manual to reflect revised meteorological (MET) station reporting hours and changes to ROBEX focal points for Fiji. The objective is to ensure that published information accurately aligns with current operational practices and designated points of contact. These updates will improve the reliability and coordination of OPMET data exchange and enhance communication within the region.

1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 The ROBEX Manual (18th Edition) provides guidance on the exchange of operational meteorological (OPMET) data, including meteorological station reporting schedules and designated national focal points.

1.2 Maintaining accurate reporting hours and up-to-date focal point information is essential to ensure the efficiency, reliability, and coordination of meteorological information exchange.

1.3 Fiji has conducted a review of its meteorological operations and coordination arrangements and identified the need to update both MET stations reporting hours and ROBEX focal points.

2. DISCUSSION

2.1. A review of MET station operations within Nadi ROC's area of responsibility has identified differences between the currently published reporting hours in the ROBEX Manual and actual operational practices. To address this, Fiji proposes revisions to the reporting hours for NFTV (Vava'u Airport) to ensure alignment with current service provision and operational capabilities. The updated reporting hours for NFTV METAR bulletins are provided in the table included in Appendix A to this paper.

2.2. Fiji proposes that a new METAR & TAF bulletin, SAPS34 NFFN & FTSP34 NFFN, to be implemented on the AIRAC cycle date 11th June 2026. This bulletin is being established to accommodate NIUE (Niue International Airport) automated observations, which has transitioned to issuing 30-minute METARs. A METNO will be sent in due course.

2.3. These changes are intended to streamline reporting and ensure consistency across the region's OPMET data exchange processes. States are requested to update their systems and coordination procedures accordingly.

2.4. The proposed updates will improve accuracy and reliability of OPMET data exchange.

2.5. In addition, Fiji advises that its ROBEX focal points have been updated to reflect current organizational responsibilities and contact details.

2.6. The revised ROBEX focal point information for Fiji is provided below:

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3. ACTION BY THE MEETING

3.1. The meeting is invited to:

- a) note the information contained in this paper;
- b) review and endorse the proposed updates to Table A and Table B of the ROBEX Handbook; and
- c) note the updated ROBEX focal points for Fiji;

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Appendix A – Proposed Changes to Table A and B of ROBEX Handbook

Note:- Additions in **grey highlight**, deletions in **red-strikeout**.

1		2			3	4	5	
ROC		METAR Bulletin			Bul. Time	Available	DISSEMINATION TO	
Name	CCCC	BUL No.	CCCC	Aerodrome			RODB/ROC	AFTN Address
Nadi	NFFN	SAPS31	NCRG	RAROTONGA Intl.	HH+00		BANGKOK	VTBBYPYX
			NFFN	NADI/Intl	HH+00		BRISBANE	YBBBYPYX
			NFNA	NAUSORI/Intl	HH+00		NADI	NFFNYPYX
			NFTF	FUA'AMOTU INTL.	HH+00		SINGAPORE	WSZZYPYM
			NGFU	FUNAFUTI/Intl	HH+00		TOKYO	RJTDYPYX
			NGTA	TARAWA/Bonriki Intl	HH+00			
			NIUE	NIUE Intl	HH+00		Wellington	NZZZYPYX
			NSFA	FALEOLO/Intl	HH+00			
			NVSS	SANTO/Pekoa	HH+00			
			NVVV	PORT VILA/Bauerfield	HH+00			
			PLCH	CHRISTMAS ISLAND	HH+00			
			NFTV	VAVA'U	HH+00			0000UTC-0600UTC then 1200UTC-2300UTC
			NFTL	HA'APAI	HH+00			Monday-Saturday 1200UTC Then 1700UTC-2300UTC Then 0000UTC-0600UTC Then Sunday 0000UTC Then 0300UTC Then 0600UTC Then 1200UTC Then 1800UTC Then 2100UTC Then

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		SAPS32	NLWW NWWW	WALLIS HIHIFO NOUMEA LA TANTOUTA	HH+00/30 HH+00/30		
		SAPS33	NTAA	TAHITI FAAA	HH+00/30		
		SAPS34	NIUE	NIUE Intl	HH+00/30		

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1 ROC		2 TAF Bulletin						3 Dissemination	
Name	CCCC	BUL No.	CCCC	Aerodrome	Filing Time	Start of Validity	TAF Validity	RODB/ROC	
Nadi	NFFN	FTPS31	NCRG	RAROTONGA INTL.	0500-0530	0600	24	BANGKOK	VTBBYPYX
			NFFN	NADI/Intl	1100-1130	1200	24	BRISBANE	YBBBYPYX
			NFNA	NAUSOR/Intl.	1600-1630	1800	24	NADI	NFFNYPYX
			NFTF	FUA'AMOTU INTL	2300-2330	0000	24	SINGAPORE	WSZZYPYM
			NFTV	VAVA'U			24	TOKYO	RJTDYPYX
			NGFU	FUNAFUTI/Intl			24	Hong Kong	VHZZYPYX
			NGTA	TARAWA/Bonriki Intl			24	Wellington	NZZZYPYX
			NIUE	NIUE Intl			24		
			NSFA	FALEOLO/Intl			24		
			NVSS	SANTO/Pekoa			24		
			NVVV	PORT VILA/Bauerfield			24		
			PLCH	CHRISTMAS ISLAND			24		
			FTPS32	NLWW	WALLIS HIHIFO			24	
				NWWW	NOUMEA LA TANTOUTA			24	
			FTPS33	NTAA	TAHITI FAAA			2430	
			FTPS34	NIUE	NIUE Intl			24	