

APPENDIX C

WMO ABBREVIATED HEADINGS (for use in AMBEX messages and bulletins)

1. Each AMBEX bulletin should have a WMO abbreviated heading in accordance with WMO No. 386, Manual on the Global Telecommunication System, Part II – Operational Procedures for the GTS. The symbolic form of the WMO abbreviated heading is as follows:

TTAAii CCCC YYGGgg (BBB)

2. Explanation of symbols

2.1. TTAAii - TT - This group is used in accordance with WMO No. 386, Manual on the Global Telecommunication System, Part II – Operational Procedures for the GTS, Attachment II-5.

2.1.1 **TT** - Data type designator, used for OPMET data as follows:

Data Type	Abbreviated Name	WMO data type designator TT
Aerodrome reports	METAR SPECI	SA SP
Aerodrome forecasts	TAF: 24 and 30 hour 9 and 12 hour	FT FC
SIGMET information	SIGMET SIGMET for TC SIGMET for VA	WS WC WV
Volcanic ash and tropical cyclone advisories	VAA TCA	FV FK
Air-reports	AIREP	UA
Administrative	ADMIN	NO

2.1.2 **AA** - Geographical designator, composed of two letters, according to WMO No. 386, Manual on the Global Telecommunication System, Part II – Operational Procedures for the GTS, Attachment II-5, Table C1. The following principles shall apply:

- a) For AMBEX bulletins containing OPMET data from a single State or territory, the AA designator should be chosen from Table C1, Part I – Country or territory designators;
- b) For AMBEX bulletins containing OPMET data from more than one State or territory, a suitable AA designator should be chosen from Table C1, Part II – Area Designators;
- c) The part of the Table C1, Part II – Area Designators, which is relevant to the AMBEX scheme is reproduced below.

2.1.3 In AMBEX messages prepared by offices other than BCCs for transmission to BCCs, the following geographical designators should be used: