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**AGENDA ITEM 7: PROCEDURAL AND COORDINATION ASPECTS**

**AGENDA ITEM 7.1: Amendments to the Technical Regulations (WMO-No. 49), Appendix to General Provisions**

# Approach to AMENDMENTS TO THE TECHNICAL REGULATIONS (WMO-NO. 49), APPENDIX TO GENERAL PROVISIONS

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| **Summary** |
| **Document presented by:** Secretary-General, advised by the presidents of SERCOM and INFCOM, to recommend an approach to amend the Appendix to General Provisions of the[*Technical Regulations*](https://library.wmo.int/index.php?lvl=notice_display&id=14073) (WMO-No. 49) to codify unified procedures for producing, amending and publishing the *Technical* *Regulations*, Volumes I and III, the manuals which are annexes to the *Technical* *Regulations*, and the corresponding non-regulatory publications in accordance with [Decision 15 (EC-75)](https://meetings.wmo.int/EC-75/English/2.%20PROVISIONAL%20REPORT%20(Approved%20documents)/EC-75-d05-3(2)-APPROVAL-OF-NON-REGULATORY-PUBLICATIONS-approved_en.docx?Web=1) - Concept note on the designation of technical commissions for approval of non-regulatory publications.  **Strategic objective 2020–2023:** 5.1 Optimize WMO constituent body structure for more effective decision-making.  **Financial and administrative implications:** within the parameters of the Strategic and Operational Plans 2020–2023.  **Key implementers:** SERCOM, INFCOM, the Research Board and the Technical Coordination Committee  **Time frame:** 2022 to the 19th World Meteorological Congress  **Action expected:** to adopt [Draft Decision 7.1/1 (INFCOM-2)](#_Draft_Decision_7.1/1) to concur with Draft Recommendation 5.1(2)/1 (SERCOM-2) |

# DRAFT DECISION

## Draft Decision 7.1/1 (INFCOM-2)

### Approach to amendments to the *Technical Regulations* (WMO-No. 49), Appendix to General Provisions

THE COMMISSION FOR OBSERVATION, INFRASTRUCTURE AND INFORMATION SYSTEMS,

**Recalling** General Provisions of the[*Technical Regulations*](https://library.wmo.int/index.php?lvl=notice_display&id=14073) (WMO-No. 49), Volume I, [Recommendation 11 (INFCOM-1)](https://library.wmo.int/index.php?lvl=notice_display&id=21866), and [Recommendation 17 (INFCOM-1)](https://library.wmo.int/doc_num.php?explnum_id=11197/#page=389),

**Recalling** further [Decision 15 (EC-75)](https://meetings.wmo.int/EC-75/English/2.%20PROVISIONAL%20REPORT%20(Approved%20documents)/EC-75-d05-3(2)-APPROVAL-OF-NON-REGULATORY-PUBLICATIONS-approved_en.docx?Web=1) - Concept note on the designation of technical commissions for approval of non-regulatory publications,

**Having considered** [Draft Recommendation 5.1(2)/1 (SERCOM-2),](https://meetings.wmo.int/SERCOM-2/English/Forms/AllItems.aspx?RootFolder=%2FSERCOM%2D2%2FEnglish%2F1%2E%20DRAFTS%20FOR%20DISCUSSION&FolderCTID=0x012000A60A2C5B5006AA41980F5F2A7BA92166&View=%7B1EB384EC%2D8FE1%2D4B79%2DB8F9%2DA0AEB19C9F87%7D)

**Considering** the need to define a unified procedure for producing, amending and publishing the [*Technical Regulations*](https://library.wmo.int/index.php?lvl=notice_display&id=14073) (WMO-No. 49), Volume I and III, the annexes to the *Technical* *Regulations*, and supporting publications to be adopted by all the technical bodies,

**Decides to** concur with [Draft Recommendation 5.1(2)/1 (SERCOM-2)](https://meetings.wmo.int/SERCOM-2/English/Forms/AllItems.aspx?RootFolder=%2FSERCOM%2D2%2FEnglish%2F1%2E%20DRAFTS%20FOR%20DISCUSSION&FolderCTID=0x012000A60A2C5B5006AA41980F5F2A7BA92166&View=%7B1EB384EC%2D8FE1%2D4B79%2DB8F9%2DA0AEB19C9F87%7D), which recommends the Executive Council to consider the proposal for a package of regulation changes, listed in Annex 1 to the said Recommendation, necessary to grant the Technical Commissions the authority to approve publications of a non-regulatory nature, and associated procedures, to be submitted to the World Meteorological Congress for adoption, and invites Members to provide the Secretariat with feedback to the draft new Appendix to the General Provisions of the *Technical Regulations*, attached as Annex 2 to the said Recommendation, by 30 November 2022.

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