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Subject: Transfer of Terminal Aerodrome Forecast (TAF) Responsibility for Princess Juliana International Airport (TNCM), Sint Maarten to the Meteorological Watch Office (MWO) of Sint Maarten: Effective 1800 UTC February 28, 2022

Effective at 1800 Coordinated Universal Time (UTC) on February 28, 2022, the NWS San Juan Weather Forecast Office will transfer TAF responsibility for Princess Juliana International Airport (TNCM) to the Meteorological Watch Office (MWO) in Sint Maarten. TNCM is the main airport on the Caribbean island of Saint Martin/Sint Maarten, and located on the Dutch side of the island, part of the Kingdom of the Netherlands.

Testing by the Sint Maarten MWO will take place over several weeks and up to the official transfer date to ensure that proper routing by the NWS Telecommunications Gateway is in place. These tests will be under the World Meteorological Organization (WMO) heading FTMN31 TNCM.

NWS personnel/offices and all users should add the following WMO heading to their communications systems prior to February 28, 2022:

Airport Name	WMO Heading	TAF ID
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Princess Juliana International	FTMN31 TNCM	TNCM

After February 28, 2022, the TNCM TAF will no longer be available from the following WMO Headings:

- FTUS80 KWBC Non-FAA Domestic and Family of Services
- FTUS90 KWBC FAA Weather Message Switching Center and FAA Facilities
- FTUS52 KWBC Global Telecommunication System Customers
- FTUS23 KWBC Global distribution for International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO)

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