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Subject: Transfer of Terminal Aerodrome Forecast (TAF) Responsibility for Robert L. Bradshaw International Airport (TKPK), Saint Kitts and Nevis, to the Meteorological Watch Office (MWO) of Antigua and Barbuda: Effective 1700 UTC March 15, 2022

Effective at 1700 Coordinated Universal Time (UTC) on March 15, 2022, the NWS San Juan Weather Forecast Office will transfer TAF responsibility for Robert L. Bradshaw International Airport (TKPK) in St. Kitts to the Meteorological Watch Office (MWO) of Antigua and Barbuda. TKPK is the main airport on the Caribbean island of St. Kitts and Nevis, located just northeast of Basseterre and operated by the St. Christopher Air and Sea Ports Authority.

TAF issuance times will reflect the TKPK METAR availability from 1000 UTC through approximately 0200 UTC. The following TAFs will be valid for a 24-hour period:

- The 1200 UTC TAF will be issued at 1100 UTC.
- The 1800 UTC TAF will be issued at 1700 UTC.
- The 0000 UTC TAF will be issued at 2300 UTC and cancelled by 0200 UTC.
- There is no 0600 UTC TAF.

Testing by the Antigua and Barbuda MWO will take place up to the official transfer date to ensure routing by the NWS Telecommunications Gateway is in place. These tests will be under the World Meteorological Organization (WMO) header FTAT31 TAPA.

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

Airport Name	WMO Heading	TAF ID
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Robert L. Bradshaw International	FTAT31 TAPA	TKPK

After March 15, 2022, the TKPK TAF will no longer be available from the following WMO Headings:

FTUS80 KWBC	Non-Federal Aviation Administration (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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