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From: David Novak, Director
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Subject: Use of Mixed-Case Text/95 ASCII Character Set in the NWS Weather Prediction International Desk's Forecast Discussions: Effective February 10, 2025

Effective Monday, February 10, 2025, at 1200 Coordinated Universal Time (UTC), the National Centers for Environmental Prediction (NCEP) Weather Prediction Center (WPC) will transition its International Desk forecast discussions to a mixed case text/expanded 95 American Standard Code for Information Interchange (ASCII) character set format.

The following text products will be modified:

| AWIPS ID | WMO ID | Product Name |
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| PMDCA | FXCA20 KWBC | International Desk Tropical Discussion |
| PMDSA | FXSA20 KWBC | International Desk South American Forecast Discussion |

Use of mixed-case letters in text products will make them easier to read and allow users to click on links directly rather than converting them to lower- or mixed-case. Partners and users of WPC text products should modify their systems to accommodate mixed-case and the expanded character set.

If a Critical Weather Day (CWD) or Enhanced Caution Event (ECE) prevents this change on February 3, 2025, the product format change will take effect on the next non-CWD or non-ECE day.

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