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TECHNICAL IMPLEMENTATION NOTICE 08-67
NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE HEADQUARTERS WASHINGTON DC
1045 AM EDT FRI AUG 22 2008

TO: NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE /NWS/ OFFICES
FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION /FAA/ CUSTOMERS
FAMILY OF SERVICES /FOS/ SUBSCRIBERS
OTHER USERS OF NWS AVIATION FORECASTS

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SUBJECT: WEEKLY TEST TAFS TO ENSURE PROPER DECODING OF 30-HOUR TAF FORMAT
TEST

REFER TO: [SERVICE CHANGE NOTICE /SCN/ 08-15](#) AND [TECHNICAL IMPLEMENTATION
NOTICE /TIN/ 08-37](#).

NWS WILL BE CONDUCTING TESTING TO ENSURE THAT TERMINAL AERODROME FORECASTS
/TAFS/ ISSUED BY THE NWS WILL BE RECEIVED AND READABLE BY ALL USERS.
THESE TESTS WILL BE WEEKLY IN NATURE...USUALLY TAKING PLACE WEDNESDAY FOR
OPEN TESTING. THE NEXT TEST DATE FOR OPEN TESTING WILL BE AUGUST 27 2008.

IN ADDITION TO THE ROUTINE WEEKLY TESTING...SOME TESTS MAY BE TRANSMITTED
AT ANY TIME AS CHALLENGES ARE DETECTED AND OVERCOME. ALL TESTING WILL USE
THE SPECIAL WORLD METEOROLOGICAL ORGANIZATION /WMO/ HEADER FTXX90 KWBC TO
DISTINGUISH THE TEST TAFS FROM OPERATIONAL ONES. IN ADDITION...SOME OTHER
NATIONS ARE ALSO USING THE FTXX90 CCCC /WHERE CCCC IDENTIFIES THE NATION/.
FOR EXAMPLE...THE UNITED KINGDOM IS SENDING 30-HOUR TAF FORMAT TESTS UNDER
FTXX90 EGGR.

A LINK TO THE TAF TESTBED AND TAF FORMAT EXAMPLES IS AVAILABLE AT /USE
LOWER CASE/:

[HTTP://WWW.WEATHER.GOV/OS/AVIATION/TAF TESTBED.SHTML](http://www.weather.gov/os/aviation/taf_testbed.shtml)

USERS WILL NEED TO CODE THEIR SYSTEMS FOR FTXX90 KWBC TO RECEIVE AVAILABLE
TEST TAFS.

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS REGARDING THIS TECHNICAL IMPLEMENTATION
NOTICE...PLEASE REFER TO [SCN 08-15](#)...OR CONTACT:

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