Agreed text on the IMECC data policy by the project consortium during the first annual meeting on 3-5 March, 2008 in Jena (Germany) at Max Planck Institute

IMECC Data Policy

IMECC will provide open and timely access to data of evaluated quality under conditions of fair use. IMECC will make available rapid delivery data of the best possible quality. However in using such data, any data user accepts the inherent limitations of such data, for example lack of validation and of various corrections. The quality of the data for each revision will be described in the accompanying information for each revision.

A dataset is defined as a time series of measurements of a physical quantity at a given site.

Each IMECC dataset will be provided continuously in a two-stage process.
   1) Data are provided to time-critical users.
   2) Data are made publicly available.

Every dataset will specify release times (days after measurement) for both these releases.

Details of policy:

- Every datum will be associated with a measurement uncertainty either explicitly or via metadata
- Every datum will be associated with a revision number of the dataset and quality flag. Revision numbers less than 1.0 correspond to data that have not been fully evaluated. These often cannot have objectively assessed errors attached to them. They are hence regarded as unsafe for publication without direct contact with the data provider.
- Only the current revision of the dataset will be visible at any time but all revisions must be recoverable.

User Registration
- Any data user accessing a dataset for the first time must register. This registration will be verified by an email to the user's address which must be confirmed. Registration will only be necessary once.
- All downloads of data will be logged and the registration details made available to data providers on request.

Citation of NRT data

Anyone using IMECC-NRT is agreeing to acknowledge its authors. The first step is to contact the providers, and questions of citation should be part of this contact. In every case IMECC-NRT should also be referenced as:

[IMECC-NRT, 2008],

and the IMECC project must be acknowledged in the following way:

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