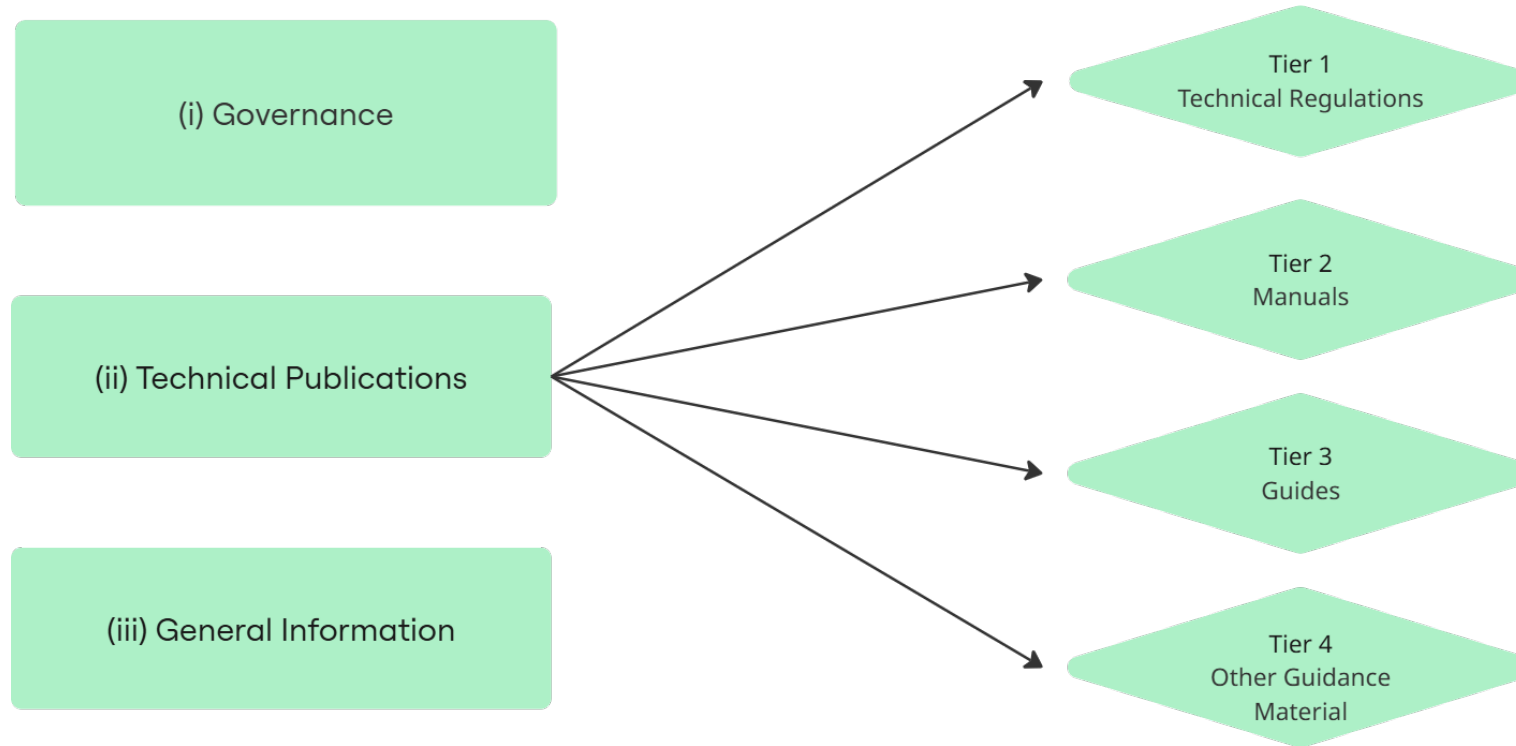


Types of WMO Publications



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Examples:

Guidelines for the Development and Adoption of Resolutions, Decisions and Recommendations (WMO-No. 508)

Guidelines on the Preparation and Promulgation of the WMO Technical Regulations (WMO-No.1127)

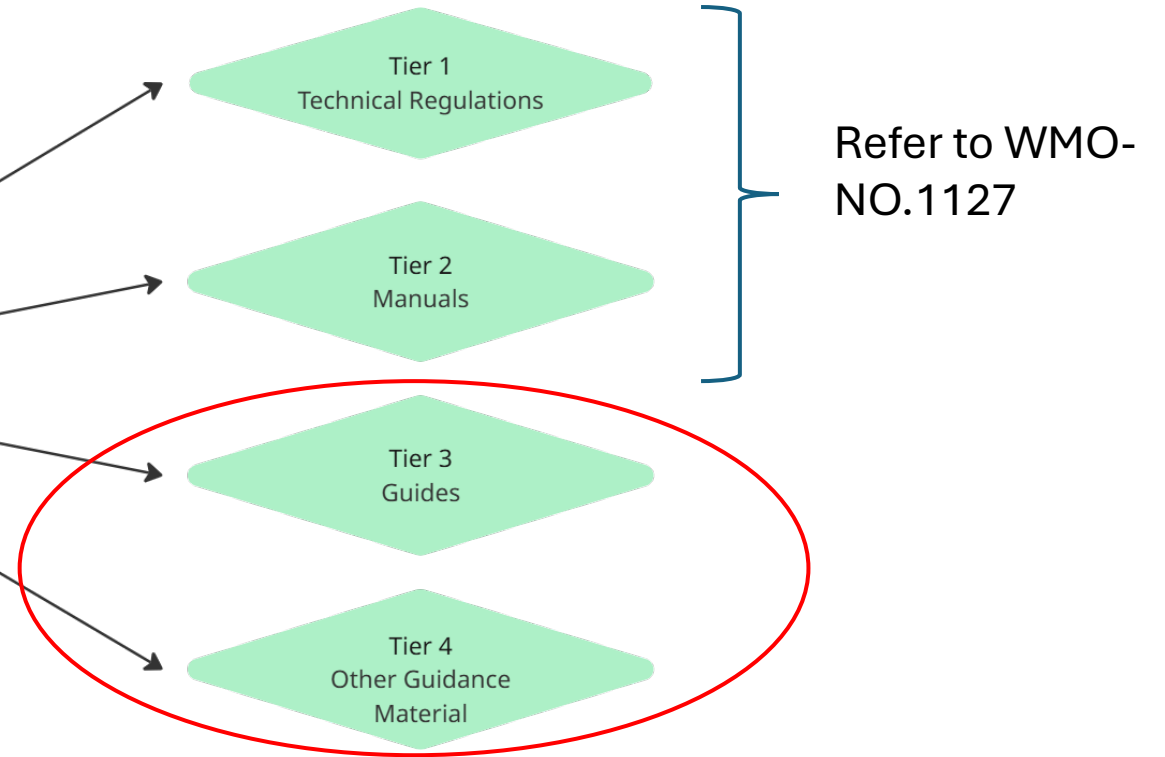
(i) Governance

(ii) Technical Publications

(iii) General Information

Examples:

outreach publications targeting the general public, policymakers, and decision-makers; support materials for the outcomes of technical commissions, conferences, meetings, workshops, etc. official public outreach magazine (WMO Bulletin), and newsletters (MeteoWorld)



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Approving constituent bodies (from [WMO-No.508](#))

Table 14. Types of publications and approving constituent body

<i>Type</i>	<i>Content</i>	<i>Nature of provisions</i>	<i>Adoption/approval by</i>
Technical Regulations	Standards and recommended practices – regulatory provisions that have the status of requirement (shall) or recommendation (should) and which are necessary for Members to follow or implement	Basic, conservative, requirement-driven	Congress or Executive Council (under delegated authority)
Manuals (global aspects) – Annexes to the Technical Regulations	Standards and recommended practices – regulatory provisions that have the status of requirement (shall) or recommendation (should) and which are necessary for Members to follow or implement	Detailed, dynamic, technology-driven	Congress or Executive Council (under delegated authority) Note: Amendments to Manuals proposed by the appropriate technical commission are normally approved by the Executive Council.
Guides	Practices, procedures and specifications (of a non-regulatory nature) which Members are invited to follow or implement	Implementation guidance, explanations, examples of good practice	Technical commissions or Executive Council (if required)
Other guidance material	Practices, procedures and specifications (of a non-regulatory nature) under various titles (guidelines, compendium, nomenclature, etc.)	Provide knowledge and know-how in different areas, capacity development	Technical commissions or their Management Group (under delegated authority)

About Mandatory Publications

- [EC-XXVI in 1984 through Resolution 11](#) adopted “Guidelines on the Planning, Production and Distribution of WMO Publications”.
- These Guidelines, reviewed and adopted also through Res 8 (EC-XL), Res 16 (EC-XLIV), Res 7 (EC-XLVIII), Res 6 (EC-LII) and Res 13 (EC-LVI), clearly made a distinction between:
 - **Mandatory publications** were defined by Congress as **those which WMO is under the obligation to produce within a given financial period**, through the funds allocated to the Publication Programme and its associated Publications Fund;
 - **Programme-supporting publications**, produced within the series defined by EC (see for example Res. 14 (EC-XXXVI), Res 11 (EC-XL), Res 19 (EC-XLIV), containing most of the publications series described above), through the funds allocated to the relevant Technical Programmes.
- The distinction between Mandatory and Programme-supporting publications came to an end in 2009 with Resolution 10 (EC-LXI), when EC (noting that the Publications Fund was discontinued at the end of the 15th financial period) recommended to Congress a merger of both lists to streamline the planning for and management and implementation of WMO’s publications Programme.
- Instead, the categories presented on the first slide were introduced and eventually approved through Resolution 35 (Cg-XVI), and reflected in Resolution 24 (EC-64), still in force.



Available on WMO e-library

- 95 titles under the label “[Education and Training Programme](#)”
- Starting from 1955 (WMO-No.39) to 2023 (WMO-No.1083)
- 10 of those are labelled as “[Compendium](#)”



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