

**ACCEPTANCE OF SPICE DATA PROTOCOL**

I, .... ……………………………………………....................... (insert your name),   
……...……………………………………………..(insert your title/function) hereby declare that I and the organization/company, ……………………………………………………………………......... (insert your org/co name), shall abide by the SPICE Data Protocol as set out below.

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**1. Introduction**

1.1 The World Meteorological Organization (WMO) Solid Precipitation Intercomparison Experiment (SPICE) was an international intercomparison project conducted as part of the work programme of the former WMO Commission for Instruments and Methods of Observation (CIMO).

1.2 The purpose of this document is to define the protocol governing access to, use of and publication of information regarding the intercomparison sites and instrumentation, the algorithms employed by the instruments, the algorithms used in analysis of the data, the intercomparison data and the results to ensure that all SPICE participants and data users are treated in a fair manner, and to ensure the timely dissemination/publication of SPICE results.

**2 Publications and Presentations**

**In the following, the word “publication” is used for publications as well as for presentations made at conferences (national and international)**

2.1 After publication of the **SPICE** **Final Report**, WMO will keep a copy of **The SPICE Dataset** and make it available to whoever may request it, subject to their agreement in writing to abide by this SPICE Data Protocol.

2.2 All reports, presentations and publications using part or all of **The SPICE Dataset** shall acknowledge SPICE as the source of the data, and shall follow the guidelines provided in Annex A. They should also include the general disclaimer: “

Results presented in this work were obtained as part of the Solid Precipitation Inter-Comparison Experiment (SPICE), conducted on behalf of the World Meteorological Organization (WMO) Commission for Instruments and Methods of Observation (CIMO). The analysis and views described herein are those of the author(s) at this time, and do not necessarily represent the official outcome of WMO SPICE. Mention of commercial companies or products is solely for the purposes of information and assessment within the scope of the present work, and does not constitute an endorsement by the author(s) or WMO.

2.6 All SPICE participants and those subsequently accessing the SPICE Dataset agree to use the data, Final Report and related publications based on SPICE data solely for the purpose of scientific research and development and not in order to make comparative statements to gain commercial advantage.

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**Annex A**

**Guidelines for publications:**

* All publications shall include the disclaimer provided in the main part of the SPICE Data Protocol.
* Co-authorship of publications is highly encouraged and could include all contributors
* All publications prepared using SPICE data sets, partially of entirely, should include a section describing the configuration of the experiment, the results of which are included in the publication, indicating[[1]](#endnote-1):
  + Instruments used, whether part of SPICE , and the instrument ownership;
  + The field configuration of instruments in the experiment (siting, windshield, heating, data logger used)
  + Processing of the instrument output into data used for the work presented.
  + Any information, specific to the experiment, and relevant to the work presented.
  + Any exceptions from the recommended practices regarding the use and configuration of the instruments.
  + This information should be reflective of the site participation in SPICE.
* If reference is made to an instrument make and model, the author(s) should:
  + Identify how the instruments is used for meeting the objectives of work presented in the publication;
  + Avoid any comparative and generalized statements, as well as broad qualifiers, which would be perceived as ranking instruments (e.g. better, worse.);
  + When comparative assessments are required as part of the results presented, the author(s) will indicate the context in which these assessments are made; e.g. a specific application for national purposes, outside the scope of SPICE, studies of a specific feature relevant to the scope of work (heating, shielding, siting, etc), preliminary studies on a SPICE topic, presented from a site only, etc.;
  + Reflect as far as possible the comments of the involved parties in the subproject.
* Authors should avoid making statements that would imply acceptance or rejection of instruments or inferring any conclusions for the Final Report.

1. Or reference to other publications containing this information. [↑](#endnote-ref-1)