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General terms and conditions for use of the GIN API (application programming interface) to access natural hazard data

The GIN API allows you to embed data in your website. The following terms and conditions of use apply to all use of the GIN API.

1. Scope

These general terms and conditions ('GTCs') govern the provision and use of all data on the GIN platform. This includes the measured and predicted data of the Federal Office for the Environment FOEN, MeteoSwiss, the WSL Institute for Snow and Avalanche Research SLF, the Swiss Seismological Service SED, MeteoGroup and the cantons. The term 'data' as used in these GTCs includes both measured and predicted data.

2. Service provision

The GIN Secretariat makes the agreed data content available to the service user in accordance with these GTCs.

3. Form and timing of data delivery

The GIN Secretariat makes the data available through an API. While every effort is made to deliver data as quickly as possible, there can be no guarantee of availability or a standby service.

4. Access to the API

The service user accesses the data on the server through an individual account, which is set up by the GIN Secretariat.

The service user must ensure that no unauthorised persons gain access to this account. The login details may be used exclusively by the service user or the in-house staff employed by the service user. The login details may not be passed on to third parties.

An exception may be made for third-party companies appointed by the service user to

deliver, present, download or process data and use the results for the service user's own purposes. In this case, the service user must provide the GIN Secretariat with the third-party company's contact details. The service user is responsible for ensuring that the third-party company does not use the service user's account login details for any purpose other than that authorised for the service user.

The API for gin.admin.ch is updated at regular intervals. Consequently, you may need to update your own website to use the latest version of the API. The GIN Secretariat will notify you of updates by email and provide the relevant instructions.

5. Access to the data

The service user retrieves data through the distribution channels provided by the GIN Secretariat.

6. Download frequency

The service user is authorised to retrieve the data as needed.

7. Accuracy/completeness of the data

The GIN Secretariat offers no guarantee as to the accuracy of the data provided. As the values of the measured data are provisional, deviations with respect to the final data cannot be excluded.

The GIN Secretariat offers no guarantee and accepts no liability as to the completeness of the data. It declines all responsibility for any loss of data transmitted.

8. Scope of use

The service user may use the data for non-commercial purposes only. Any use of the data

for commercial purposes is prohibited. The source of the data must be cited on your website or product.

All use of the API must comply with the disclaimer of the Federal Administration and the terms of use of the GIN platform (disclaimer). Please read these documents carefully before integrating the API to ensure that your website complies with the terms of use and disclaimer.

9. Liability

Liability claims against the GIN Secretariat, the operators of the GIN platform or its content partners for material or non-material damage arising from access to GIN or the use or non-use of the published data, misuse of the connection, technical problems or interference by unauthorised third parties are excluded to the extent permitted by law.

10. Cancellation

The service user may cancel its data downloads at any time. The GIN Secretariat must be notified of this in writing.

The GIN Secretariat reserves the right to restrict or revoke the service user's access to the API without stating a reason. In this case it will notify the service user in writing.

11. Requirement of the written form

Any changes or additions to these GTCs must be made in writing. This requirement also applies to the present clause. Verbal agreements between the parties are not permitted.

12. Severability

Should any provision of these GTCs become null and void or be declared invalid, this will not affect the validity of the remaining provisions or the GTCs as a whole.

The contracting parties will fill any gaps thus created by mutual agreement but must comply with the letter and spirit of these GTCs.

13. Precedence of deviating written agreements

Any written agreements deviating from these GTCs will take precedence.

14. Amendments to the GTCs

The GIN Secretariat reserves the right to amend the GTCs at any time by publishing a new version on this website. The new GTCs will apply from the time of publication.

15. Dispute settlement

The parties will endeavour to settle any differences or disputes by way of negotiation and in good faith.