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To Administrations of Member States of the ITU

Subject: **Draft Rules of Procedure to reflect the changes in Appendix 17 to the Radio Regulations**

At its 75th meeting (17 - 21 July 2017), the Radio Regulations Board considered the impact of the changes in Appendix 17 to the Radio Regulations, which entered into force on 1 January 2017, on the current Rules of Procedure and agreed to include a draft modified Rule of Procedure on No. **11.14** to the List of proposed rules of procedure ([see Revision 6 to Document RRB16-2/3](#)) to be considered at the 76th meeting of the RRB.

The Bureau therefore prepared a draft modified Rule of Procedure (see the Annex).

In accordance with No. **13.17** of the Radio Regulations, this draft Rule of Procedure is made available to administrations for comments before being submitted to the RRB pursuant to No. **13.14**. As indicated in No. **13.12A d**) of the Radio Regulations, any comments that you may wish to submit should reach the Bureau not later than **9 October 2017**, in order to be considered at the 76th meeting of the RRB, scheduled for 6 – 10 November 2017. Comments should be sent either by telefax to +41 22 730 5785 or by email to brmail@itu.int.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'FRANCIS RANCY'.

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Director

ANNEX
**Rules concerning
ARTICLE 11 of the RR**

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11.14

1 This provision stipulates, *inter alia*, that frequency assignments to ship stations and to mobile stations of other services shall not be notified under Article 11. On the other hand, the provisions of No. 11.2 stipulate the conditions under which receiving stations are to be notified to the Bureau. Similarly, the provisions of No. 11.9 stipulate the conditions under which a land station for reception from mobile stations is to be notified to the Bureau. In combining the conditions of all these provisions, the Board concluded that the following categories are not to be notified to the Bureau:

- Worldwide frequencies for use by ship and coast SSB radiotelephone stations by simplex (single-frequency) operation and for intership cross-band (two-frequency) operation (frequencies indicated in Part B, Section I, Sub-Section B of Appendix 17);
- ~~- Worldwide working frequencies for ship stations equipped for wideband telegraphy, facsimile and special transmission systems (frequencies indicated in Part A of Appendix 17);~~
- Worldwide working frequencies for ship stations equipped for NBDP telegraphy and data transmission systems on a non-paired basis (frequencies indicated in Part B, Section III of Appendix 17);
- ~~- Ship calling frequencies using A1A Morse telegraphy (frequencies indicated in Part B, Section IV of Appendix 17);~~
- ~~- Ship working frequencies using A1A Morse telegraphy (frequencies indicated in Part B, Section V of Appendix 17).~~

2 If the frequencies referred to in § 1 above are used by other services and/or for purposes other than those specified in the Radio Regulations, they should be notified under the relevant provisions of Article 11 and in some cases under the provisions of No. 4.4.

3 Bearing in mind that all communications in the aeronautical mobile (R) and (OR) services in the HF exclusive bands are made in a single frequency simplex mode of operation, the use of the relevant frequency is adequately covered through the notification of the transmitting aeronautical station and the notification of the associated receiving station (for reception of the transmissions from aircraft stations) is not necessary. Therefore, the Board instructed the Bureau not to accept any frequency assignment notice related to a receiving aeronautical station in the bands governed by Appendices 26 and 27.

Reasons:

WRC-12 approved the revision of Appendix 17 that entered into force on 1 January 2017, see Annex 2 to Appendix 17.

The current version of Appendix 17 no longer contains the three categories of frequencies, shown above as deleted, which were previously designated only for ship station transmissions and therefore had not to be notified. The three categories in question have been replaced by data transmissions from both coast and ship stations. Consequently, these frequencies can be notified pursuant to the provisions of No. 11.2 and should be removed from the Rule of Procedure on No. 11.14.