



Radiocommunication Bureau (BR)

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To Administrations of Member States of the ITU

Subject: **Draft Rules of Procedure concerning RR No. 11.31 and the Regional Agreements ST61 and GE84**

At its 80th meeting (18 – 22 March 2019), the Radio Regulations Board agreed on the need to update the rule of procedure on No. **11.31** as a result of the adoption of RR No. **22.40** by WRC-15. The Board instructed the Bureau to prepare a draft rule of procedure contained in Annex 1 on the basis of [Document RRB19-2/1](#) (see also [Revision 11 to Document RRB16-2/3](#)).

Draft rules of procedure intended to facilitate the application of the plan modification procedures of the Regional Agreements, Stockholm 1961 and Geneva 1984 for the broadcasting service, are respectively contained in Annex 2 and Annex 3. These draft Rules of Procedure have been developed in accordance with the relevant decision of the Radio Regulations Board at its 80th meeting.

In accordance with No. **13.17** of the Radio Regulations, these draft Rules of Procedure are 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 **17 June 2019, 1600 hours UTC**, in order to be considered at the 81th meeting of the RRB, scheduled for 15 – 19 July 2019. Comments should be sent either by telefax to +41 22 730 5785 or by email to brmail@itu.int.

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ANNEX 1

Rules concerning

ARTICLE 11 of the RR

MOD

11.31

(...) [Note: no change is proposed to § 1]

2 The list of these “other provisions”, referred to in No. **11.31.2**, with respect to which the notices to stations in terrestrial (§ 2.1 to 2.5.2) or space services (§ 2.6 to 2.6.67) are examined, is given below:

(...) [Note: no change is proposed to §§ 2.1 to 2.5]

2.6 The list of these “other provisions”, referred to in No. **11.31.2**, applicable to space services, is given below so far as Articles **21** and **22** are concerned:

2.6.1 conformity with the power limits for earth stations as stipulated in provisions Nos. **21.8**, **21.10** and **21.12**, **21.13**, **21.13A** account being taken of Nos. **21.9** and **21.11**⁷, and in provisions **22.26** to **22.28** or **22.32** (as appropriate) under the conditions specified in **22.30**, **22.31** and **22.34** to **22.39**, where the earth stations are subject to those power limitations (see also § A.16 of Appendix 4);

2.6.2 conformity with the minimum angle of elevation of earth stations as stipulated in provisions Nos. **21.14**⁸ and **21.15**;

2.6.3 conformity with the limits of power flux-density from space stations produced at the Earth’s surface as indicated in the Table **21-4** (No. **21.16**), as well as with the $epfd_{\downarrow}$ limits in Tables **22-1A** to **22-1E** (No. **22.5C**), taking into account, as appropriate, the provisions of Nos. **21.17** and **22.5CA**;

2.6.4 conformity with the limits of power flux-density from space stations produced at the GSO as indicated in Nos. **22.5** and **22.5A** as well as with $epfd_{is}$ limits in Table **22-3** (No. **22.5F**);

2.6.5 conformity with limit of equivalent power flux-density ($epfd_{\uparrow}$) from earth stations produced at the GSO ($epfd_{\uparrow}$) as indicated in the Table **22-2** (No. **22.5D**);

2.6.6 conformity with the limit of power flux-density (pfd) from earth stations produced at the GSO as stipulated in provision No. **22.40**;

2.6.67 conformity with the limit specified in Nos. **22.8**, **22.13**, **22.17** and **22.19**.

(...) [Note: no change is proposed to §§ 3 to 7]

Reasons: Noting that No. **11.31.2** indicates that the “other provisions” examined under No. **11.31** “shall be identified and included in the Rules of Procedure”, the new limit adopted by WRC-15 and contained in No. **22.40** should be added as new section 2.6.6 of the Rule of Procedure on No. **11.31**.

*Effective date of application of this Rule: 1st January 2017 (the verification of the limit contained in No. **22.40** has actually been performed by the Radiocommunication Bureau since the entry into force of the Final Acts of WRC-15 on 1st January 2017).*

⁷ See Rules of Procedure relating to No. **21.11**.

⁸ See Rules of Procedure relating to No. **21.14**.

ANNEX 2

PART A2

Rules concerning the Regional Agreement for the European Broadcasting Area concerning the use of frequencies by the broadcasting service in the VHF and UHF bands (Stockholm, 1961) (ST61)

NOC

2 Receivability of notices

In the application of the Regional Agreement for the European Broadcasting Area concerning the use of frequencies by the broadcasting service in the VHF and UHF bands (Stockholm, 1961), the Bureau will apply the procedures contained in Articles 4 and 5 of the Agreement and associated technical criteria with respect to the notices received from all administrations having territories in the European Broadcasting Area, as defined in No. 5.14 of the RR, provided that the station concerned is situated within the planning area.

ADD

Art. 4

Changes in the Characteristics of Stations covered by the Agreement

1.3

When an administration, in application of §§ 1.3 and 2.1.4 of Article 4 of the Agreement, does not communicate to the Bureau the final characteristics of the assignment, after a period of one year and 12 weeks from the date of its publication in Part A of a Special Section ST61, the modification shall lapse and be returned to the notifying administration. A reminder will be sent by the Bureau to the notifying administration two months before the end of this one year and 12 weeks period and returning the modification.

The administration may resubmit the assignment and follow the full procedure of Article 4 of the Agreement. The date at which the resubmission has been received by the Bureau will be considered as the new date of receipt of the proposed modification.

***Reasons:** The ST61 Agreement does not have a provision defining the limiting timeframe for the completion of the Plan modification procedure. This implies that after publication in Part A, a proposed plan modification could remain indefinitely in the coordination process. This would lead to the situation where the list of affected/affecting assignments for this modification could become erroneous. The period of one year and 12 weeks before returning the modification proved to be sufficient to complete coordination with affected administrations.*

Effective date of application of this Rule: will apply immediately after approval. This Rule will also apply retroactively to all plan modifications published in Part A more than one year and 12 weeks before the date of the approval of this RoP.

ANNEX 3

PART A5

**Rules concerning the Regional Agreement relating to the use
of the band 87.5-108 MHz for FM sound broadcasting
(Geneva, 1984) (GE84)**

NOC

1 Receivability of notices

In the application of the Regional Agreement relating to the use of the band 87.5-108 MHz for FM sound broadcasting (Geneva, 1984), the Bureau will apply the procedures contained in Articles 4, 5 and 7 of the Agreement and associated technical criteria with respect to the notices received from all administrations having territories in the planning area (all administrations in Region 1, the Islamic Republic of Iran, and Afghanistan), with the exception of the Administration of Iceland, provided that the station concerned is situated within the planning area.

ADD

Art. 4

Procedure for modifications to the Plan

4.6.1

When an administration, in application of § 4.6.1 of the Agreement, does not communicate to the Bureau the final characteristics of the assignment, after a period of one year and 100 days from the date of its publication in Part A of a Special Section GE84, the modification shall lapse and be returned to the notifying administration. A reminder will be sent by the Bureau to the notifying administration two months before the end of this one year and 100 days period and returning the modification.

The administration may resubmit the assignment and follow the full procedure of Article 4 of the Agreement. The date at which the resubmission has been received by the Bureau will be considered as the new date of receipt of the proposed modification.

Reasons: *The GE84 Agreement does not have a provision defining the limiting timeframe for the completion of the Plan modification procedure. This implies that after publication in Part A, a proposed plan modification could remain indefinitely in the coordination process. This would lead to the situation where the list of affected/affecting assignments for this modification could become erroneous, (See provision 4.3.7 of the Agreement). The period of one year and 100 days before returning the modification proved to be sufficient to complete coordination with affected administrations.*

Effective date of application of this Rule: will apply immediately after approval. This Rule will also apply retroactively to all plan modifications published in Part A more than one year and 100 days before the date of the approval of this RoP.
