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Circular Letter
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To Administrations of Member States of the ITU

Subject: Updates regarding the contents of the BR International Frequency Information Circular (BR IFIC) for Terrestrial Services

To the Director General

Dear Sir/Madam,

1 In accordance with the decisions of the recent Regional Radiocommunication Conferences RRC-06, RRC-06-Rev.ST61 and RRC-06-Rev.GE89, the Bureau introduced consequential changes to the contents of the BR publication “International Frequency Information Circular (BR IFIC) (Terrestrial Services)” to reflect the changes decided by these conferences, as summarized hereunder. The Bureau also modified some of the labels concerning the indications regarding the coordination information, so as to make them consistent with the formulations in the Radio Regulations and in various Regional Agreements.

2 In the context of the VHF/UHF broadcasting services (referred to as “FM/TV services” in the BR IFIC), the Bureau introduced two new components (“fragments”): **GE06A** and **GE06D**, which are described hereafter:

2.1 The **GE06A** component corresponds to the *Frequency assignment plan for analogue television broadcasting in the frequency bands 174–230 MHz (for Morocco 170-230 MHz) and 470-862 MHz* adopted by RRC-06. It is recalled that this frequency assignment plan includes the following:

- the frequency assignments from the ST61 Plan, up to and including the updates to the ST61 Plan published in Special Section ST61/1514;
- the frequency assignments from the GE89 Plan, up to and including the updates to the GE89 Plan published in Special Section GE89/28;

- those frequency assignments from the updated “RCC List”¹ which were fully coordinated with all administrations concerned and subsequently confirmed by RRC-06, and
- some frequency assignments from the MIFR, which had no equivalents in either the ST61 or the GE89 Plans, for which the RRC-06 took relevant decisions.

2.2 The **GE06D** component corresponds to the *Frequency assignment and frequency allotment plan for digital broadcasting in the frequency bands 174–230 MHz and 470-862 MHz* adopted by RRC-06. This frequency Plan includes:

- the frequency assignment and frequency allotment plans for digital television broadcasting in the bands 174–230 MHz and 470-862 MHz;
- the frequency assignment and frequency allotment plans for digital sound broadcasting in the band 174–230 MHz.

3 In the context of the fixed, mobile and radionavigation services (referred to as “FXM services” in the BR IFIC), the Bureau introduced a new component (“fragment”) **GE06L**. It corresponds to the List of assignments to other primary services, in the bands 174-230 MHz and 470-862 MHz, as adopted by RRC-06.

4 In view of the substantive differences in the data structure of the digital GE06D component and the data structures of the other components managed by *TerRaSys* and the need for an early implementation of the procedures associated with the GE06 Agreement, the Bureau adopted the following approach:

- The frequency assignments pertaining to the fragments GE06A and GE06L have been incorporated in the consolidated BR database (*TerRaBase*). Consequently, these fragments are managed by the BR Terrestrial Radiocommunication System (*TerRaSys*). The associated programmes and tools (such as *TerRaQ*) have been adapted accordingly.
- The component GE06D is managed by a standalone system, currently outside of the *TerRaSys*. A new software program, GE06XX, adapted from the RRC06 Planning Interface which was used during RRC-06, enables administrations to access all three components (GE06D, GE06A and GE06L) associated with the GE06 Agreement.

5 The BR IFIC continues to contain the latest version of the inquiry software *TerRaQ*, the software program *TerRaNV*, used to validate electronic notice files generated by the notifying administrations, and the latest version of the **Preface**. It is to be noted that notice types GS1, GS2, GT1, GT2 and GA1, which are specific to the GE06 Agreement, are validated by the GE06 processing tool (see <http://www.itu.int/ITU-R/terrestrial/broadcast/index.html>) and not by *TerRaNV*.

6 As already indicated, the Bureau also modified some of the labels in the BR IFIC concerning the indications regarding the coordination data, so as to make them consistent with the formulations in the Radio Regulations and in various Regional Agreements. Details concerning the former and the new formulations are provided in the Annex to this Circular Letter.

¹ This List includes the frequency assignments to analogue broadcasting stations, situated within the RRC-06 planning area but outside the planning areas governed by the ST61 and GE89 Agreements, which were successfully coordinated with all administrations concerned belonging to the RRC-06 planning area.

- 7 Further information on this subject is available from the following contacts:
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Yours faithfully,

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Annex: 1

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ANNEX 1

Changes in the formulations regarding coordination information

In view of the formulations in the Radio Regulations and in various Regional Agreements, and given the necessity of having identical labels regarding the coordination data published in various special sections and parts of the BR IFIC, the Bureau standardized the formulations of various labels regarding coordination information. The new and the former formulations are summarized hereunder, together with the indications where such formulations are used.

New formulation	Former formulation	Comments
COORD REQUIRED	NOT COORDINATED	This information is generated by the BR, on the basis of its examinations with respect to the conformity with the procedures relating to coordination with other administrations applicable to the radiocommunication service and the frequency band concerned. It specifies the administrations of the Member States likely to be affected, identified by the Bureau in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Radio Regulations or a Regional Agreement.
COORD COMPLETED	COORDINATED	This information reflects the results of successfully completed coordination activities in the agreement-seeking process. It may be submitted by the notifying administration, indicating the administrations of those Member States with which the coordination has been completed, or by another administration, indicating its agreement to the proposed frequency usage by the notifying administration. It may be generated by the Bureau under certain conditions specified in the Radio Regulations or in a Regional Agreement.
OBJECTION BY	REFUSED	This information is generated by the Bureau on the basis of submissions from administrations involved in the agreement-seeking process, or under other conditions specified in the relevant procedure, when the agreement-seeking process is identified as mandatory in the Radio Regulations or a Regional Agreement. It indicates an objection by the identified administration to the proposed frequency usage by the notifying administration.
DISAGREEMENT	-	This information is generated by the Bureau on the basis of submissions from administrations involved in the agreement-seeking process, when such process is identified as mandatory in the Radio Regulations or a Regional Agreement. It indicates the continuing disagreement of the identified administration to the proposed frequency usage by the notifying administration.