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Circular Letter
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To Administrations of Member States of the ITU

Subject: New format of the publication of Parts I-S, II-S and III-S
of the BR International Frequency Information Circular (BR IFIC) (Space services)

To the Director General

Dear Sir/Madam,

1. The purpose of this Circular Letter is to provide information and guidance to administrations about the improved format of the publication of Parts I-S, II-S and III-S of the BR IFIC (Space services) starting from BR IFIC (Space services) 2598/10.07.2007 and onwards.
2. Up to now, Parts I-S, II-S and III-S were each published in a single PDF file. Those files were often very large, and reading or searching for a particular satellite network was difficult. The characteristics of assignments and findings were published separately and at different times, making it relatively difficult to “view” them together and no graphs were published for satellite networks in non-planned services.
3. From now on, each space station or earth station notice will be published in a separate PDF file (i.e. in Adobe Acrobat format) with a cover page clearly indicating the space and/or earth station name, notifying administration, date of receipt, BR IFIC and Part thereof. This file will contain all the characteristics of assignments (TSUM) and all graphical information for the notice. For a modification, it should be noted that only the graphical information relating to beams that are modified will be published.
4. A list of all notices published in Parts I-S, II-S and III-S of the current BR IFIC will be provided in the Table of Contents of the BR IFIC CD-ROM, with hyperlinks to the corresponding publications in PDF format, see Annex.

5. Part I-S

5.1 This publication concerns the frequency assignments that have been submitted to the Radiocommunication Bureau (Bureau) for recording in the Master Register under Article 11 of the Radio Regulations (RR), Article 5 of Appendices 30 and 30A, and Article 8 of Appendix 30B. It also includes any modification or cancellation of existing frequency assignments already recorded in the Master Register.

5.2 No. 11.28 of the RR calls on the Bureau, on receipt of a complete notice, to publish its contents, along with any diagrams and maps and the date of receipt, in the BR IFIC which shall constitute the acknowledgement to the notifying administration of receipt of its notice. Paragraphs 5.1.6 - 8 of Article 5 of Appendix 30, §5.1.10 - 12 of Article 5 of Appendix 30A and §8.5 of Article 8 of Appendix 30B contain similar requirements for notices submitted under those appendices.

5.3 In the new format described in § 3 above, each space station or earth station notice will be published in Part I-S as an individual PDF file. All detailed technical characteristics (TSUM) and graphical information will be published in that PDF file.

6. Parts II-S and III-S

6.1 The Part II-S publication concerns frequency assignments that will be recorded in the Master Register, following publication in Part I-S and after the detailed technical and regulatory examination has been completed. Generally, these are frequency assignments that have received favourable findings as well as those that are to be recorded under No. 11.41 or for information only.

6.2 The Part III-S publication concerns frequency assignments that are returned to the responsible administration following the Part I-S publication and after the detailed technical and regulatory examination has been completed. Generally, these are frequency assignments that have received unfavourable findings as well as those that are found to be non-compliant with various provisions of the RR.

6.3 In the new format described in § 3 above, assignments to be recorded in the Master Register or to be returned to the administration under Article 11 will be published in Parts II-S and III-S in a separate PDF file for each space station or earth station notice. All detailed technical characteristics (TSUM) and graphical information will be published in that PDF file, along with the findings for the concerned group of frequency assignments.

6.4 If there is a minor correction to the technical characteristics since publication in Part I-S, a note will appear, in the Part II-S and/or Part III-S publication indicating that such a correction exists.

6.5 In the new format, notices to be recorded in the Master Register or to be returned to the administration under Article 5 of Appendices 30 and 30A and Article 8 of Appendix 30B will be published in Parts II-S and III-S in a separate PDF file for each space station. However, only the findings will continue to be published in the PDF file, the reason being that the Part I-S relating to the same notice is being published in most cases in the same BR IFIC and there is no necessity to duplicate the information.

6.6 It should be noted that, for some notices, some groups of frequency assignments may have favourable findings while other groups may have unfavourable findings. For such cases, the notice will be split into two publications, a Part II-S and a Part III-S, each containing a corresponding part of the notice.

7. Cost Recovery Summary

7.1 For notices submitted after 1 January 2006, a cost recovery summary will also be provided for notices under Article 11 of the RR in order to give an overview of the cost recovery-related information, such as form(s) of coordination, cost recovery category and the number of cost recovery units. For more information on how cost recovery applies to notification, please refer to Circular Letter CR/245 dated 27 October 2005.

7.2 It should be noted that for a notice that is being published in both Part II-S and Part III-S, only one cost recovery fee applies and the complete corresponding cost recovery-related information will be published in Part II-S for the whole notice before the split.

8. The updated description of the BR IFIC - Section II Chapter 1 of the Preface will be available for online consultation at: <http://www.itu.int/ITU-R/space/preface/index.html> and also in BR IFIC (Space services) 2598/10.07.2007 and subsequent IFICs.

9. The Bureau will be grateful to receive any comments or observations, and remains at the disposal of administrations if any further clarification is desired (contact Mr. Yvon Henri by telephone +41 22 730 5536, fax +41 22 730 5785 or e-mail: yvon.henri@itu.int).

Yours faithfully,

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Annex

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ANNEX 1

Illustration of the new file structure for Parts I-S, II-S and III-S

