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Circular Letter
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To Administrations of Member States of ITU

Subject: Mandatory use of the **SpaceCom** software package from 1 July 2009

Reference: Resolution **55 (Rev.WRC-07)**

To the Director-General

Dear Sir/Madam,

1 At its 47th meeting (23-27 June 2008), the Radio Regulations Board adopted a Rule of Procedure concerning the receivability of forms of notice generally applicable to all notified assignments submitted to the Radiocommunication Bureau in application of the radio regulatory procedures for space services. The Board agreed that the effective date of application of the modified Rule shall be 1 June 2008, except for the part relating to §§ 1 c) and 1 d) of the Rule, referring to comments under No. **9.3**, Article 2A and Article 4 of Appendices **30** and **30A** and disagreements under No. **9.52** in respect of coordination requests under Nos. **9.11** to **9.14**, No **9.21** or § 2.1 of Section A of Resolution **33 (Rev.WRC-03)**, for which the effective date of application shall be 1 July 2009 in order to provide additional time for administrations, in particular administrations of developing countries, to adapt to the requirements of Resolution **55 (Rev.WRC-07)**. The Board also encouraged the Bureau to assist administrations in making electronic submissions as envisaged in Resolution **55 (Rev.WRC-07)**.

2 Circular Letters CR/185, CR/193 and CR/269 drew the attention of administrations to the arrangements for submission to the Bureau of comments under the above provisions of the Radio Regulations and their subsequent treatment by the Bureau using the **SpaceCom** software package.

3 The Bureau wishes to remind your administration that, based on Resolution **55 (Rev.WRC-07)** and the Rule of Procedure on Receivability, the use of the **SpaceCom** software package is mandatory from 1 July 2009.

4 The **SpaceCom** software package is used by administrations to communicate to the Bureau:

- comments under the following provisions with respect to the corresponding publications:
 - No. **9.3** with respect to API published in accordance with No. **9.2B**;
 - §§ 4.1.7, 4.1.9, 4.1.10, 4.2.10, 4.2.13 or 4.2.14 of Article 4 of Appendices **30** and **30A** with respect to the special sections published in accordance with §§ 4.1.5 and 4.2.8;

- Article 2A of Appendices **30** and **30A** with respect to requests for coordination for use of the guardbands published in Special Section AP30-30A/F/C in accordance with the same provision; and

- disagreements under No. **9.52** in respect of coordination requests under Nos. **9.11** to **9.14**, No. **9.21** or § 2.1 of Section A of Resolution **33 (Rev.WRC-03)**.

5 The latest version of the **SpaceCom** software package and its User Manuals are available to administrations and other users on the BR IFIC (Space services) CD-ROM, at the ITU website (<http://www.itu.int/ITU-R/software/space/spacecom/index.html>), and on SRS-on-DVD.

6 From 1 July 2009 onwards, the Bureau will no longer be in a position to accept comments or disagreements in relation to the cases described in § 4 above that are communicated to the Bureau in any format not generated by the **SpaceCom** software package. Only comments or disagreements created by the **SpaceCom** software package and communicated to the Bureau within four (4) months from the date of publication of the relevant special sections will continue to be published in Special Sections CR/D, API/B, Part D of AP30*/E and AP30-30A/F/D, as appropriate, to establish final coordination requirements in respect of forms of coordination listed in § 4 above. Administrations that fail to use the **SpaceCom** software package for sending comments or disagreements to the Bureau might then be unable to adequately coordinate and protect the frequency assignments to their GSO and non-GSO satellite networks and terrestrial stations.

7 The Bureau takes this opportunity to reiterate that the use of the **SpaceCom** software package to communicate to the Bureau your comments under No. **9.3** or disagreements under No. **9.52** does not replace your obligation to communicate these comments or disagreements, by telefax, letter or any other means, to the responsible administration, together with reasons therefor. In this respect, the Bureau draws your attention to Nos. **9.3** and **9.52** and the Rule of Procedure on No. **9.52**.

8 Finally, please note that the **SpaceCom** software package cannot be used to generate and communicate to the Bureau your disagreements or comments in cases other than those listed in § 4 above.

Yours faithfully,

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