



Radiocommunication Bureau (BR)

Circular Letter
CR/396

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To Administrations of Member States of the ITU

Subject: **Use of one space station to bring frequency assignments to geostationary-satellite networks at different orbital locations into use within a short period of time**

The World Radiocommunication Conference, Geneva 2015 (WRC-15) adopted Resolution **40** (WRC-15) which entered into force on 28 November 2015 and deals with the use of one space station to bring frequency assignments to geostationary-satellite networks at different orbital locations into use within a short period of time.

In accordance with *resolves* 1 of Resolution **40** (WRC-15), when informing the Bureau of the bringing into use, or bringing back into use after suspension, of a frequency assignment to a space station in a geostationary-satellite network, the notifying administration shall indicate to the Bureau whether or not this action has been accomplished with a space station that has previously been used to bring into use, or resume the use of, frequency assignments at a different orbital location within the three years prior to the date of submission of this information.

In accordance with *resolves* 2 of Resolution **40** (WRC-15), in cases where a notifying administration informs the Bureau, pursuant to *resolves* 1 above, that it has brought into use, or resumed the use after suspension of, a frequency assignment to a space station in a geostationary-satellite network with a space station that has previously been used to bring into use, or resume the use of, frequency assignments at a different orbital location within three years prior to the date of submission of this information, the notifying administration shall also indicate, for that same three-year period:

- a) the last orbital location where the space station was used to bring into use, or resume the use of, frequency assignments;
- b) the satellite network(s) with which the frequency assignments in a) above were associated;
- c) the date on which the space station was no longer maintained at the orbital location in a) above.

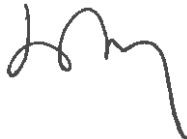
The Bureau is pleased to inform administrations that a specific form has been developed to facilitate the submission of the above information. The form is attached in the Annex and also available at <http://www.itu.int/ITU-R/go/space-res40-form>.

Administrations are requested to use this form and send it completed to the Bureau by telefax pending the implementation of modern electronic means of communication under Resolution 907 (Rev. WRC-15), when informing the Radiocommunication Bureau of the bringing into use of assignments to a GSO space station (including assignments in Appendices 30, 30A and 30B) under No. 11.44B, the bringing back into use under No. 11.49.1, the bringing back into use under 20bis of §5.2.10 of Appendix 30 and 24bis of §5.2.10 of Appendix 30A respectively, or the bringing back into use under 14bis of §8.17 of Appendix 30B, of any frequency assignment.

As per the *instructs the Radiocommunication Bureau* of Resolution 40 (WRC-15), the Bureau will make the complete information available within 30 days of its receipt at the following website address: <http://www.itu.int/ITU-R/go/space-res40>

The Bureau would like to draw your attention to *resolves* 4 and 5 of Resolution 40 (WRC-15), that as of 1 January 2018, if the notifying administration fails to provide the complete information within two consecutive reminders of 30 days and 15 days, respectively, the Bureau shall consider that the frequency assignments to the geostationary-satellite network have not been brought into use, or brought back into use, and shall so inform the administration.

The Bureau remains at the disposal of your Administration, via the brmail@itu.int address, for any clarification it may require with respect to the content of this Circular letter.



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Annex: 1

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Annex



RESOLUTION 40 (WRC-15)

Use of one space station to bring frequency assignments to geostationary-satellite networks at different orbital locations into use within a short period of time

Satellite network for which frequency assignments have been brought into use, or brought back into use after suspension:

| | AP4 items | |
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| Identity of the Satellite Network | A.1.a | |
| Notifying Administration | A.1.f.1 | |
| Nominal Orbital Position | A.4.a.1 | |
| Date of bringing into use (Or bringing back into use after suspension) | A.2.a | |

The bringing into use, or bringing back into use after suspension has been accomplished with a space station that has previously been used to bring into use, or resume the use of, frequency assignments at a different orbital location within the three years prior to the date of submission of this information:

| | YES | NO |
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| | ○ | ○ |
| a) Last orbital location where the space station was used to bring into use, or resume the use of, frequency assignments | | |
| b) Satellite network(s) with which the frequency assignments in a) above were associated | | |
| c) The date on which the space station was no longer maintained at the orbital location in a) above | | |

Form to be sent by the Administration to bmail@itu.int.