



## Radiocommunication Bureau (BR)

Circular Letter  
**CR/415**

9 December 2016

### To the Administrations of ITU Member States

Subject: **Application of No. 9.1A of the Radio Regulations for the publication of advance publication information (API) for frequency assignments to satellite networks and systems subject to the coordination procedures under Section II of Article 9**

Reference: **BR Circular Letter CR/401 dated 19 May 2016**

As described in Circular Letter CR/401, the Radiocommunication Bureau has stopped accepting any new advance publication information (API) filings for satellite networks and systems subject to the coordination procedures under Section II of Article 9 as from 1 July 2016, in accordance with Resolution 31 (WRC-15).

As from 1 January 2017, in accordance with No. 9.1A as adopted by WRC-15, the Radiocommunication Bureau shall publish, using the basic characteristics in the coordination request, a general description of the network or system for advance publication in a special section of the BR IFIC.

### Suppression of APIs

In accordance with *resolves* 2 of Resolution 31 (WRC-15), any API for a satellite network or system subject to the coordination procedures under Section II of Article 9 for which a coordination request has not been received by the Radiocommunication Bureau under No. 9.30 by 31 December 2016 shall be suppressed by the Radiocommunication Bureau and no longer taken into account.

All existing API special sections subject to a coordination procedure not followed by a request for coordination by 31 December 2016 will therefore be suppressed during the first quarter of 2017 in accordance with the current API publication procedures.

## Special sections

In accordance with No. **9.1A**, the API basic characteristics, extracted from the requests for coordination received on or after 1 January 2017, will be published in a new "API/C" special section series with a new numbering series. Any modification to a request for coordination involving the use of an additional frequency band or modification of the orbital location for a space station using the geostationary-satellite orbit will require a new API publication under No. **9.1A**.

For those satellite networks or satellite systems not subject to the coordination procedures under Section II of Article **9**, APIs will continue to be published as API/A special sections in accordance with No. **9.1**.

## Regulatory deadline

For all new, complete requests for coordination received under No. **9.30** on or after 1 January, the general description of the network or system using the basic characteristics in the request for coordination will be published for advance publication under No. **9.1A** with the same date of receipt as the request for coordination of the satellite network. As mentioned in Circular Letter CR/401, any request for coordination received between 1 July 2016 and 31 December 2016 and not referring to an API received by 30 June 2016 will be considered as having been received by the Bureau on 1 January 2017 and treated in the same manner under No. **9.1A**. This date of receipt will serve as the regulatory start date (grp.d\_start) for defining the regulatory deadline (grp.d\_reg\_limit) for bringing into use any frequency assignments to the space station of the satellite network under No. **11.44**. Both the regulatory start date and the regulatory bringing-into-use deadline will be available in the coordination request notice for each frequency assignment group.

## "As received"

As part of the adoption of No. **9.1A** by WRC-15, administrations requested the Bureau to provide a short summary of the request for coordination on the Bureau's website as soon as possible after receipt of the submission. Resolution **55**, as revised by WRC-15, also requires the Bureau to make satellite network filings available "as received" on its website within 30 days, and removed the requirement to make them available on the BR IFIC DVD ROM.

To meet both requirements, the Bureau will endeavour to make requests for coordination available "as-received", along with a short summary, within a maximum period of seven days following receipt of the complete coordination request, on the "as received" page of its website at:

<http://www.itu.int/en/ITU-R/space/snl/Pages/asreceivedCR.aspx>

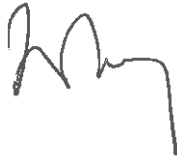
Dissemination of these notices "as received" on the BR IFIC DVD ROM will be discontinued as from the second BR IFIC of 2017.

### **Comments under No. 9.5B**

The Bureau would also like to draw the attention of administrations to the suppression by WRC-15 of the provisions of No. 9.5B relating to comments on the advance publication of information on networks subject to a coordination procedure. As a consequence, the Bureau will no longer take action on comments on API special sections relating to satellite networks subject to coordination.

However, comments under No. 9.3 submitted using the Bureau's SpaceCom software concerning satellite networks not subject to coordination will continue to be processed by the Bureau.

The Radiocommunication Bureau remains at the disposal of your Administration for any clarification you may require with respect to the subjects covered in this Circular letter. Queries of a general nature relating to submissions may be addressed to the ITU contact person, Mr Attila Matas, telephone: +41 22 730 6105, fax: +41 22 730 57 85, e-mail: [matas@itu.int](mailto:matas@itu.int).



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