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Radiocommunication Bureau (BR)

Circular Letter
CR/419

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To Administrations of Member States of the ITU

Subject: **Application of Article 12 of the Radio Regulations:**

- 1) **Closing date for receipt of high frequency broadcasting schedules for the season B17 (29 October 2017 – 25 March 2018)**
- 2) **Regional coordination meeting, 2017**

1 Closing date for receipt of HF broadcasting schedules for the season B17

In accordance with provision No. 12.31 of the Radio Regulations, I wish to inform you that the Radiocommunication Bureau has set 13 August 2017 as the closing date for the receipt of the HFBC schedules for the season B17.

In order to issue the first tentative schedule (B17T1) and dispatch it to subscribers two months ahead of the implementation date (No. 12.34 of the Radio Regulations), administrations and authorized organizations are urged to send in their tentative schedules **before the closing date and, if possible, before 6 August 2017**.

Requirements are to be submitted by administrations or authorized organizations, such as broadcasters. In the latter case, administrations that have not yet advised the Bureau, shall do so in writing, stating the names of the authorized organizations, their three-letter code for ease of identification and the scope of the authorizations (see No. 12.1 of the Radio Regulations); otherwise the requirements will not be accepted by the Bureau.

Requirements must be **in electronic format only**, and submitted via the WISFAT (<http://www.itu.int/ITU-R/go/wisfat>) web interface for submission of frequency assignments/allotments (terrestrial services) in accordance with Circular Letters [CR/297](#) and [CR/308](#).

A document describing the **file format for submission of HFBC requirements** in accordance with Article 12 of the Radio Regulations is available for download from the webpage: <http://www.itu.int/en/ITU-R/terrestrial/broadcast/HFBC/Pages/default.aspx> (in the Notification section).

The foreseen dates of dispatch to subscribers of the CD-ROMs containing the updated schedule are indicated in the Annex, together with the dates by which updated schedules need to be received by the Bureau in order to be incorporated.

The Bureau wishes to emphasize that submission of requirements before the closing date is necessary in order to obtain a complete and accurate tentative schedule together with compatibility analysis for effective coordination process.

2 Regional coordination meeting

The Bureau has been informed of an HFCC-ASBU B17 Coordination Conference to be held in South Africa, from 21 to 25 August 2017 (further information is available on the conference's webpage: <http://www.hfcc.org>).

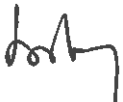
In this respect, your attention is drawn to the importance of participation in the regional coordination groups, which facilitate bilateral and multilateral coordination among administrations and broadcasters of various regions within the framework of Article 12 of the Radio Regulations.

Therefore, the Bureau encourages your Administration to continue participating in such coordination meetings that prove to be an efficient mechanism in resolving overlapping HFBC requirements of different countries and thus ensures compatible operation of high frequency broadcasting stations.

For additional information please contact the regional coordination groups:

- Arab States Broadcasting Union (ASBU): <http://www.asbu.net>
- Asia-Pacific Broadcasting Union – High Frequency Coordination (ABU-HFC): <http://www.abu.org.my>
- High Frequency Coordination Conference (HFCC): <http://www.hfcc.org>

The Bureau remains at the disposal of your Administration for any clarification you may require with respect to the subject covered in this Circular Letter. For any assistance, please contact BRMAIL@itu.int.



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Annex: 1

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Annex

HFBC Schedule on CD-ROM – B17 (29 October 2017 – 25 March 2018)

List of editions and closing dates for submissions

Schedule title	Date of edition	Date limit for submissions
B17 Tentative 1 (B17T1)	End of August 2017	13 August 2017
B17 Tentative 2 (B17T2)	End of September 2017	24 September 2017
B17 Schedule 1 (B17S1)	End of October 2017	22 October 2017
B17 Schedule 2 (B17S2)	End of December 2017	17 December 2017
B17 Final (B17F)	End of April 2018	22 April 2018
