



## Radiocommunication Bureau (BR)

Circular Letter  
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### To Administrations of Member States of the ITU

Subject: **Suspension of publication of BR-IFIC on DVD-ROM and related interim procedures**

The BR International Frequency Information Circular (BR IFIC) is a service publication that is distributed on DVD-ROM and is also available as ISO image. Please note that due to the current limitations caused by the [COVID-19 outbreak](#) the distribution of DVDs by post has become difficult. Indeed, the Swiss Post has recently informed ITU that the dispatch of letters and parcels from Switzerland is very limited (only 29 countries are served at the time of this message). Delivery of DVDs to the subscribers within these countries could be also delayed or disrupted. In addition, many telecommunication administrations and other BR IFIC subscribers are working remotely, which further hampers access to the physical DVDs.

In view of the above situation, the delivery of physical DVDs containing BR IFIC will be suspended as from the edition No. 2917 of 31 March 2020 and until further notice. Administrations and BR IFIC subscribers are invited to use the ISO copies of BR IFIC available at the following addresses:

- For terrestrial services: <https://www.itu.int/en/publications/ITU-R/Pages/publications.aspx?lang=en&media=electronic&parent=R-SP-LN.IT-2020>
- For space services: <https://www.itu.int/en/publications/ITU-R/pages/publications.aspx?parent=R-SP-LN.IS-2020&media=electronic>

Please be assured that the information inside this ISO image is the *exact copy* of the BR IFIC on DVD-ROM. It is made available on the BR IFIC publication date and provides a secure local reproduction of the BR IFIC data, as described in Circular Letters [CR/360](#) and [CR/361](#) of 13 March 2014. The ISO copies of BR IFIC can be downloaded by Administrations and subscribers using their designated user's login and password. For any questions concerning the users currently designated to access the ISO files, or to activate this service, you are invited to contact [Sales@itu.int](mailto:Sales@itu.int). **You are invited to check and advise the Bureau, via the [brmail@itu.int](mailto:brmail@itu.int) address until 14 April 2020, if you are able to download and work with the ISO files. In case of difficulties, please inform the Bureau about your specific problems.**

Please also kindly note that as soon as the situation improves and postal services commence normal operations, BR will immediately resume the distribution of BR IFIC on DVD-ROM.

In the application of the coordination and notification procedures of the Radio Regulations (including the Plans) and Regional Agreements, administrations are encouraged to continue to submit their comments to the publications of the BR IFIC within the prescribed regulatory deadlines in order to avoid the creation of a backlog of comments. The Bureau will process the publications of comments as usual.

However, for publications starting with BR IFIC No. 2917, the Bureau will also accept late comments. Such late comments could be sent after resumption of BRIFIC on DVD. They are acceptable within the prescribed regulatory period following the date of release of the corresponding physical DVD. The Bureau will subsequently publish modifications to the special sections listing all the comments received or will revise the recording in MIFR/Plans, as appropriate. This procedure will only apply to BR IFICs for which the physical release of DVD is delayed and for a period not exceeding 4 months, after which the procedure would be reviewed.

I would like to take this opportunity to draw your attention to other web pages and online tools that have been made available by the Bureau for consulting the BR IFIC data. These include:

For Terrestrial Services:

- BR IFIC web page (<https://www.itu.int/en/ITU-R/terrestrial/brific/Pages/default.aspx>)
- MIFR (Terrestrial Services) on-line query (<https://www.itu.int/ITU-R/terrestrial/eTerraQuery/eQry.aspx>)
- eBCD Broadcasting Online (<https://www.itu.int/ITU-R/eBCD/ebcd.aspx>)

For Space Services:

- BR IFIC web page (<https://www.itu.int/en/ITU-R/space/Pages/brificMain.aspx>)
- Space Network Systems Online (<https://www.itu.int/sns/>)
- Space Network List (<https://www.itu.int/ITU-R/go/space/snl/en>)

The Bureau remains at the disposal of your Administration via the [brmail@itu.int](mailto:brmail@itu.int) address for any clarification you may require on the matter.

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