

Japan

IDENTIFICATION AND INDICATION OF EDITORIALY UPDATED RECOMMENDATIONS

1 Introduction

A number of Recommendations have been editorially updated based on the provision of § 11 of Resolution ITU-R 1-5. Editorially updated Recommendations are not regarded as a draft revision of the Recommendations, and are only identified by a footnote stating that this action has been taken. Furthermore, the texts written before the editorial update are removed from the ITU-R web site.

2 Discussion

The above procedure leads to a risk of confusion because the same version with different content will have been circulated. Such a risk can be avoided if identification and indication is explicitly made to editorially updated Recommendations, for example, with a suffix to the Recommendation number (first, second, third, ... editorial updates bear “a”, “b”, “c”, ..., respectively, e.g., Rec. ITU-R BT.1543a, Rec. ITU-R BS.1548-2a). This will help readers know which exact version they are referring to. Moreover, if texts written before the editorial update are made available on the ITU-R web site, readers will easily recognize the update and be able to see what corrections have been made if they so wish.

3 Proposal

In light of the discussion above, Japan proposes that the RAG instruct the Director to identify and indicate explicitly the editorially updated Recommendations, for example, with a suffix to the Recommendation number, and to make previous texts accessible on the ITU-R web site. This will help avoid the risk of confusion.
