



Radiocommunication Bureau (BR)

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To Administrations of Member States of the ITU, Radiocommunication Sector Members and ITU-R Associates participating in the work of Radiocommunication Study Group 7

Subject: **Radiocommunication Study Group 7 (Science services)**

- **Proposed approval of 1 draft revised ITU-R Recommendation**
- **Proposed approval of 1 draft new ITU-R Question**

At the meeting of Radiocommunication Study Group 7 held on 8 October 2014, the Study Group decided to seek adoption of 1 draft revised ITU-R Recommendation by correspondence, in accordance with § 10.2.3 of Resolution ITU-R 1-6. Furthermore, the Study Group proposed the adoption of 1 draft new ITU-R Question.

As stated in Administrative Circular CACE/695, dated 24 October 2014, the consultation period for the adoption of the Recommendation and Question ended on 24 December 2014.

The Recommendation and Question have now been adopted by Study Group 7 and the approval procedure of Resolution ITU-R 1-6 § 10.4 is to be applied. The title and the summary of the draft Recommendation are given in Annex 1. The draft Question is given in Annex 2.

Having regard to the provisions of § 10.4 of Resolution ITU-R 1-6, Member States are requested to inform the Secretariat (brsgd@itu.int) by 15 March 2015, whether they approve or do not approve the proposals above.

Any Member State who objects to the approval of the draft Recommendation or the approval of the draft Question is requested to inform the Director and the Chairman of the Study Group of the reasons for the objection.

After the above-mentioned deadline, the results of this consultation will be announced in an Administrative Circular and the approved Recommendation and approved Question will be published as soon as practicable (see <http://www.itu.int/pub/R-REC> and <http://www.itu.int/pub/R-QUE-SG07/en>, respectively).

Any ITU member organization aware of a patent held by itself or others which may fully or partly cover elements of the draft Recommendation(s) mentioned in this letter is requested to disclose such information to the Secretariat as soon as possible. The Common Patent Policy for ITU-T/ITU-R/ISO/IEC is available at <http://www.itu.int/en/ITU-T/ipr/Pages/policy.aspx>.



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- Annexes:**
- 1 Title and summary of the draft Recommendation, available in electronic format at: <http://www.itu.int/rec/R-REC-RA.1513/en> (Document 7/BL/13)
 - 2 Draft new Question ITU-R [SPACE-WEATHER]

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- Secretary-General of the ITU, Director of the Telecommunication Standardization Bureau, Director of the Telecommunication Development Bureau

Annex 1

Title and summary of the draft Recommendation adopted by Radiocommunication Study Group 7

Draft revision of Recommendation ITU-R RA.1513-1

Doc. 7/BL/13

Levels of data loss to radio astronomy observations and percentage-of-time criteria resulting from degradation by interference for frequency bands allocated to the radio astronomy on a primary basis

Recommends 3 of Recommendation ITU-R RA.1513-1 left the effect of interference on time scales of the order of seconds or less for further study. This study has been completed and incorporated into Annex 1 as section 3.4; *recommends 3* is in consequence amended. It has also been changed to document the existence of the other Recommendations for determining the percentage of data loss.

Annex 2

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DRAFT NEW QUESTION ITU-R [SPACE-WEATHER]*

Space weather observations

The ITU Radiocommunication Assembly,

considering

- a) that space weather observations are becoming increasingly important in detecting solar activity events that could impact services critical to the economy, safety and security of administrations;
- b) that these observations are made from platforms that may be ground based, airborne, or space-based;
- c) that some of the sensors operate by receiving low level natural emissions of the Sun or the Earth's atmosphere, and therefore may suffer interference at levels which could be permissible for other radio systems,

noting

- a) that currently there is no definition for Space Weather in the ITU terminology;
- b) that the definition of Space Weather given by the World Meteorological Organization is as follows: "Space Weather encompasses the conditions and processes occurring in space, including on the sun, in the magnetosphere, ionosphere and thermosphere, which have the potential to affect the near-Earth environment",

decides that the following Questions should be studied

- 1 What is the radio service(s) applicable for space weather sensors?
- 2 Which parts of the existing frequency allocations in RR Article 5 are suitable for use by space weather observations?
- 3 What are typical technical and operational characteristics of space weather sensors?
- 4 What protection would be necessary for the operation of these systems?

further decides

- 1 that the results of the above studies should be included in one or more ITU-R Recommendations and/or Reports as appropriate;
- 2 that the above studies should be completed by the year 2019.

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* This Question should be brought to the attention of the World Meteorological Organization.