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Circular Letter
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To Administrations of Member States of the ITU

Subject: Application of Nos. 11.44 and 11.48 of the Radio Regulations relating to the notified date of bringing into use of any assignment to a space station of a satellite network.

To the Director-General

Dear Sir, Madam,

1. Introduction

The purpose of this Circular Letter is to provide information and guidance to administrations on the decisions taken by the World Radiocommunication Conference (Geneva, 2003) (WRC-03) on Nos. 11.44 and 11.48 of the Radio Regulations, relating to the notified date of bringing into use of any assignment to a space station of a satellite network.

2. Modifications to Nos. 11.44 and 11.48 of the Radio Regulations

WRC-03 suppressed Nos. 11.44B to 11.44I and modified Nos. 11.44 and 11.48, with provisional application as of 5 July 2003 (Resolution 96 (WRC-03)). WRC-03 also agreed to apply the modified provisions to networks for which the advance publication information had been received after 21 November 1997 (see minutes of the ninth Plenary Meeting (WRC-03 Document 405, paragraphs 2.60-2.67)).

3. Application of decisions of WRC-03

In view of the above, the Radiocommunication Bureau has reviewed the notified date of bringing into use of satellite network assignments for which the advance publication information was received by the Bureau between 22 November 1997 and 4 July 2003 and wishes to inform you of the following:

- 3.1 Satellite networks for which the advance publication information was received between 22 November 1997 and 4 July 1998 and not brought into use within the required period.
 - 3.1.1 For those networks for which the Bureau published a suppression of the advance publication or coordination information, as appropriate, prior to 5 July 2003, the cancellation of the special section is maintained.

- 3.1.2 For those networks for which the related special sections have not been suppressed, and for which no request for extension of the date of bringing into use has been received by the Bureau, the Bureau will initiate the suppression of the relevant special sections after informing the concerned administration accordingly.
- 3.2 Satellite networks, for which the advance publication information was received between 5 July 1998 and 4 July 2003:
- 3.2.1 The date of bringing into use of assignments to these networks will automatically be extended to 7 years following the date of receipt by the Bureau of the advance publication information, unless otherwise requested by the notifying administration.
4. The Radiocommunication Bureau trusts that the arrangements outlined above will clarify the application of Nos. 11.44 and 11.48 by the Bureau and administrations.

Yours faithfully,

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