



Radiocommunication Bureau (BR)

Circular Letter
CR/470

Geneva, 16 November 2020

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 A21 (28 March 2021-31 October 2021)**
- 2) **Regional coordination meeting, 2021**

1 Closing date for receipt of HF broadcasting schedules for the season A21

In accordance with provision No. 12.31 of the Radio Regulations (RR), I wish to inform you that the Radiocommunication Bureau has set **17 January 2021** as the closing date for receipt of the HFBC schedules for the season A21.

In order to issue the first tentative schedule (A21T1) and publish it two months ahead of the implementation date (No. 12.34 of the RR), administrations and authorized organizations are urged to send in their tentative schedules **before the closing date and, if possible, before 10 January 2021**.

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 RR); 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 RR, is available for download from the webpage: <https://www.itu.int/en/ITU-R/terrestrial/broadcast/HFBC/Pages/default.aspx> (in the Notification section).

The foreseen dates of the online publications 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.

Your attention is also drawn to the fact that the publication of HFBC schedules and compatibility analysis results on CD-ROM was discontinued on 1 January 2019 and replaced by free of charge online publications at <https://www.itu.int/en/ITU-R/terrestrial/broadcast/HFBC/Pages/Schedule.aspx>, as explained in Circular Letter [CR/432](#).

2 Regional coordination meeting

The Bureau has been informed of an A21 Global Coordination Conference, currently scheduled to be held in Tunisia, from 1 to 5 February 2021 (further information is available on the conference's webpage: <http://www.hfcc.org>).

In this respect, your attention is drawn to the importance of participating 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 RR.

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

HFBC Schedule – A21 (28 March 2021-31 October 2021)

List of schedules and closing dates for submissions:

Schedule title	Date of publication	Date limit for submissions
A21 Tentative 1 (A21T1)	End of January 2021	17 January 2021
A21 Tentative 2 (A21T2)	End of February 2021	14 February 2021
A21 Schedule 1 (A21S1)	End of March 2021	14 March 2021
A21 Schedule 2 (A21S2)	End of May 2021	16 May 2021
A21 Schedule 3 (A21S3)	End of July 2021	18 July 2021
A21 Final (A21F)	End of November 2021	21 November 2021
