



Radiocommunication Bureau (BR)

Circular Letter
CR/490

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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 A23 (26 March 2023 – 29 October 2023) and B23 (29 October 2023 – 31 March 2024)**
- 2) **Regional coordination meetings, 2023/2024**
- 3) **International Radio for Disaster Relief (IRDR)**

1 Closing date for receipt of HF broadcasting schedules for the next seasons

In accordance with provision No. 12.31 of the Radio Regulations (RR), I wish to inform you that the Radiocommunication Bureau has set the closing dates for receipt of the HFBC schedules for the next seasons, as indicated in point 1.1 of Table 1 and 2 of the Annex 1 to this Circular.

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 WISFAT (<https://www.itu.int/en/ITU-R/terrestrial/tpr/Pages/Submission.aspx>) the 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 1, 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.

The access to HFBC schedules and compatibility analysis results are free of charge online publications at <https://www.itu.int/en/ITU-R/terrestrial/broadcast/HFBC/Pages/Schedule.aspx> (see Circular Letter [CR/432](#)).

2 Regional coordination meetings

Information of the upcoming meetings of regional coordination groups can be found on the webpage <https://www.itu.int/en/ITU-R/terrestrial/broadcast/HFBC/Pages/default.aspx>.

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.

3 International Radio for Disaster Relief (IRDR).

In accordance with Recommendation ITU-R BS.2107-0 defining the International Radio for Disaster Relief (IRDR) frequencies that may be used for High Frequency (HF) emergency broadcasts, the Bureau recommends that the IRDR frequencies listed in Annex 2 to this Circular be reserved for emergency broadcasts in the High Frequency (HF) bands.

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Annex 1

**Table 1: List of schedules and closing dates for submissions
HFBC Schedule – A23 (26 March 2023 – 29 October 2023):**

	Schedule title	Date of publication	Date limit for submissions
1.1	A23 Tentative 1 (A23T1)	End of January 2023	15 January 2023 8 January 2023*
1.2	A23 Tentative 2 (A23T2)	End of February 2023	19 February 2023
1.3	A23 Schedule 1 (A23S1)	End of March 2023	19 March 2023
1.4	A23 Schedule 2 (A23S2)	End of May 2023	21 May 2023
1.5	A23 Schedule 3 (A23S3)	End of July 2023	16 July 2023
1.6	A23 Final (A23F)	End of November 2023	19 November 2023

**Table 2: List of schedules and closing dates for submissions
HFBC Schedule – B23 (29 October 2023 – 31 March 2024)**

	Schedule title	Date of publication	Date limit for submissions
1.1	B23 Tentative 1 (B23T1)	End of August 2023	13 August 2023 6 August 2023*
1.2	B23 Tentative 2 (B23T2)	End of September 2023	17 September 2023
1.3	B23 Schedule 1 (B23S1)	End of October 2023	15 October 2023
1.4	B23 Schedule 2 (B23S2)	End of December 2023	10 December 2023
1.5	B23 Final (B23F)	End of April 2024	14 April 2024

*In order to issue the first tentative schedules (A23T1/B23T1) 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 one week **before the closing dates**.

Annex 2

IRDR frequencies for emergency broadcasts in the High Frequency (HF) bands

Band (MHz)	IRDR frequency (kHz) ¹	Times currently coordinated (UTC) ²
6	5 910	00:00 – 01:00
7	7 400	00:00 – 12:00, 23:00 – 24:00
9	9 430	01:00 – 10:00, 19:00 – 24:00
11	11 840	00:00 – 01:00, 09:00 – 24:00
13	13 620	00:00 – 24:00
15	15 650	00:00 – 24:00
17	17 500	00:00 – 24:00
19	18 950	00:00 – 24:00
21	21 840	00:00 – 24:00
26	26 010	00:00 – 24:00

¹ The frequency channel adjacent to these frequencies should also be clear (± 5 kHz).

² The aim is for all frequencies to be coordinated 00:00 – 24:00 UTC.