

RESOLUTION 906 (REV.WRC-15)

**Electronic submission of notices for terrestrial services
to the Radiocommunication Bureau and exchange of
data between administrations**

The World Radiocommunication Conference (Geneva, 2015),

considering

- a)* that the electronic format for submission of notifications concerning terrestrial services under Article **11** and Plans annexed to Regional Agreements has been used by the Radiocommunication Bureau since September 1994;
- b)* that, since 8 December 1998, submission of high-frequency broadcasting schedule requirements under Article **12** has been in electronic format only;
- c)* that, since 3 June 2001 for space services, all notices and related information submitted to the Radiocommunication Bureau pursuant to Articles **9** and **11** have been submitted in electronic format only;
- d)* that, since January 2009, the submission of notices for terrestrial services is done in electronic format only, using the secured ITU web interface WISFAT (Web Interface for the Submission of Frequency Assignments/Allotments to Terrestrial Services) in accordance with Circular Letter CR/297;
- e)* that RRC-06 decided that all submissions in the application of Articles 4 and 5 of the GE06 Regional Agreement shall be in electronic format only;
- f)* that preparation of notices for terrestrial services in electronic format allows administrations to validate the data prior to submission using Radiocommunication Bureau software tools;
- g)* that submission of notices for terrestrial services in electronic format removes the need for the Radiocommunication Bureau to transcribe the data, avoids the potential for the introduction of errors and reduces the data processing effort required by the Radiocommunication Bureau;
- h)* that the submission of notices for terrestrial services in electronic format only may require appropriate training on the Radiocommunication Bureau's software tools, especially in developing and least-developed countries;
- i)* that, for some administrations, the submission of notices for terrestrial services in electronic format only may require the adaptation of their national procedures and the development of appropriate electronic facilities;
- j)* that information in electronic format could be used to fulfil administrations' database requirements and facilitate the exchange of information between administrations and with the Radiocommunication Bureau;
- k)* that administrations have the sovereign right to establish bilateral agreements pertaining to cross-border coordination issues, including the definition of the format for the mutual exchange of information;

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l) that administrations recognize the importance and requirement of electronic submission of notices for terrestrial services to the Radiocommunication Bureau,

further considering

a) that the use of an electronic format for the submission of notices for terrestrial services to the Radiocommunication Bureau tends to reduce its costs and allows a better publication of data;

b) that the Radiocommunication Bureau makes available free of charge to administrations terrestrial notification software (TerRaNotices) through the distribution of its BR International Frequency Information Circular (BR IFIC) for terrestrial services;

c) that in its Resolution 9 (Rev. Dubai, 2014), on the participation of countries, particularly developing countries, in spectrum management, the World Telecommunication Development Conference 2014 (WTDC-14) recognizes the importance of facilitating access to radiocommunication-related documentation in order to facilitate the task of radio-frequency spectrum managers;

d) that in its Decision 12 (Rev. Busan, 2014), on free online access to ITU publications, the Plenipotentiary Conference instructed the Secretary-General of ITU to prepare a report on an ongoing basis on sales of ITU software and databases, and to present this report to the Council, which will decide on further policies for improving access to ITU publications, software and databases;

e) that an automated spectrum management system would, among other things, facilitate national spectrum management and monitoring, coordination among administrations and notification to the Radiocommunication Bureau;

f) that Recommendation ITU-R SM.1370 provides design guidelines for developing automated spectrum management systems at the national level;

g) that data elements used in national spectrum management for international coordination and notification have been reflected in Appendix 4 of the Radio Regulations and in Recommendation ITU-R SM.1413;

h) that the Radiocommunication Advisory Group has established a task group to review the Radiocommunication Bureau's information systems used for the submission and treatment of notices for terrestrial and space services;

i) the difficulty faced by many countries, particularly developing and least-developed countries, in participating in the activities of ITU-R world radiocommunication seminars and study group meetings dealing with terrestrial services,

resolves

1 that administrations are encouraged to accelerate migration to the use of an electronic format and electronic facilities for the submission of notices to the Bureau and for the exchange of coordination data between administrations;

2 that the format established by ITU-R for electronic notices be considered by administrations for the exchange of information,

instructs the Director of the Radiocommunication Bureau

- 1 to refine, as required, the specification of the electronic format and related software to be used for the submission of notices for terrestrial services;
- 2 to provide assistance, as required, to any administration in the use of the electronic format for the submission of notices for terrestrial services;
- 3 to support developing and least-developed countries while deploying electronic facilities for the submission of electronic notices to the Bureau and for the exchange of coordination data between administrations;
- 4 to include in radiocommunication seminars and regional workshops appropriate training in the use of the electronic format and related software for the submission of notices for terrestrial services.

