

Orbit Spectrum Allocation Procedures ITU Registration Mechanism

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Legal Framework

 United Nations Outer Space Treaty (1967)

Outer space free for exploitation and use
 by all states in conformity with international regulations

States retain jurisdiction and control over objects they have launched into outer space



Legal Framework

- United Nations Outer Space Treaty (1967)
- International Telecommunication Union

Principles of use of orbit/spectrum
Allocation of frequency bands
Procedures, Plans, operational measures
Instruments (CS, CV, RR, RoPs, Recs)



Mission

"To ensure rational, equitable, efficient and economical use of the radio frequency spectrum by all radiocommunication services -- including those using the geostationary satellite orbit or other satellite orbits -- and to carry out studies on radiocommunication matters"

Constitution of the ITU, Article 12



ITU Constitution

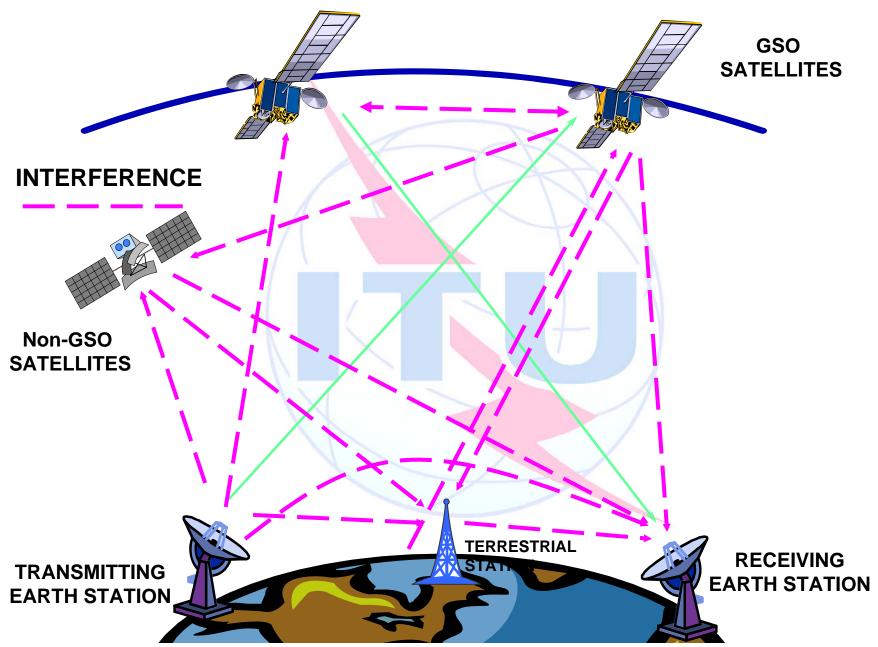
Article 44

Radio frequencies & satellite orbits are limited natural resources

Rational, Efficient, Economical Use

Equitable Access





Propagation of Radio waves

- Laws of physics
- Radio waves do not stop at national borders

Interference

- possible between radio stations of different countries
- ♦ This risk is high in Space Radiocommunications Radio Regulations (RR)
 - One of its main purposes Interference-free operation of RadioComms

Radio Regulation Mechanisms

Control of Interference

ALLOCATION

Frequency separation of stations of different services

POWER LIMITS

PFD to protect TERR services
/ EIRP to protect SPACE
services / EPFD to protect
GSO from Non-GSO

REGULATORY PROTECTION

e.g. No. 22.2: Non-GSO to protect GSO (FSS and BSS)

COORDINATION

between Administrations to ensure interference-free operations conditions



Radio Regulations

Lengthy & complex procedure

Decided by Administrations during WRC

Governed by:

- More sophisticated use of spectrum
 - -Individual requirements of administrations

Trend towards simplification / improvement to certain procedures



Radio Regulations

Lengthy & complex + Efficient use of spectrum procedure

+ Equitable access

+ Opportunity to resolve interference before operation

+ Prevents loss of investment, customers & revenue by minimizing unusable capacity due to interference

Radio Regulations

- Rights & obligations + applicable procedures
- Two mechanisms of sharing orbit / spectrum:

Coordination Approach

Efficiency ⇔ First come, first served for actual requirements

Planning Approach

Equitable access ⇔ Plan for future use

"First Come, First Served" Procedure

- Rights acquired through <u>coordination</u> with administrations concerning <u>actual usage</u>
- Efficient spectrum / orbit management
- Dense/irregular orbital distribution of space stations
- Continuing responsibility for the networks



Efficient & Rational Utilization

Article 9 (Sect.I, II) (Coordination procedure)

Article 11 (Notification procedure)

Article 21, 22 (Limits)

App. 4 App. 5

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Procedural Approach
Objectives

Exchange of information





Coordination





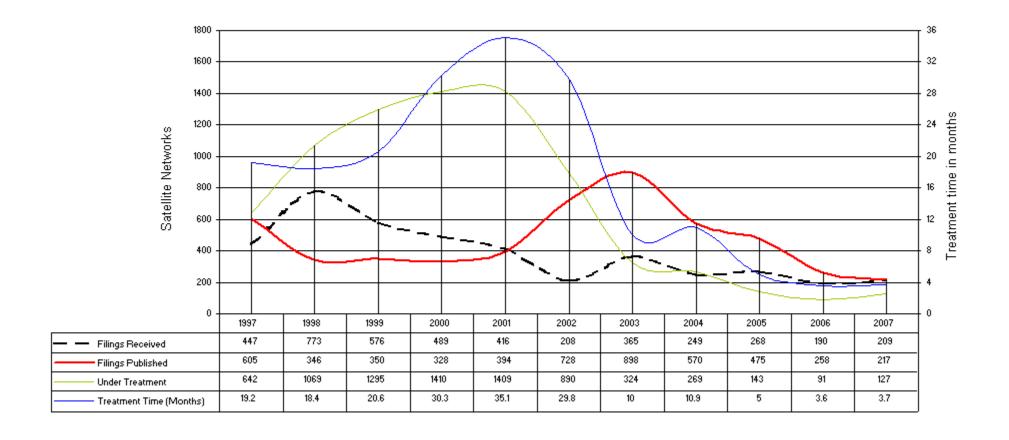
Plan Procedure

- Congestion of the GSO
- Frequency / orbital position plans
- Guarantee for equitable access to the spectrum / orbital resources
 - Spectrum set aside for future use by all countries
 - Predetermined orbital position & frequency spectrum



Coordination requests (CR)

CR/C filings and processing trends for the year 1997-2007

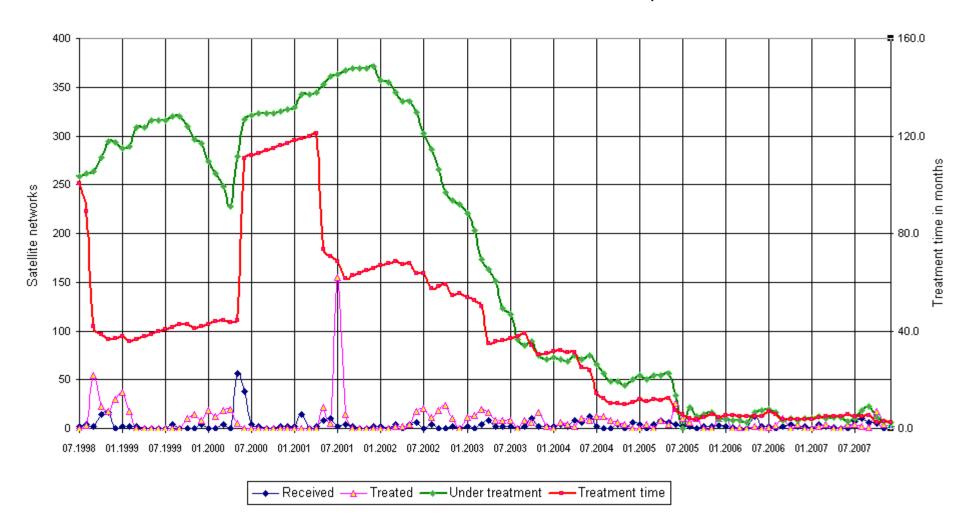






AP30-30A

Treatment of Article 4 AP30/30A for the 1998-2007 period





| | | Number of Satellite Networks | Number of Orbital Positions |
|-------------------------|---|------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Coordination Request | | 1215 | 724 |
| Notification | 1 | 792 | 385 |

(as of 23.05.2008)

Efficient Use of Orbit / Spectrum by satellite systems

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