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Circular Letter
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To Administrations of Member States of the ITU

Subject: Use of Special Sections in lieu of the publication of Circular Telegrams for recording new allotments and assignments in the Appendix **30B** Plan and List.

To the Director-General

Dear Sir/Madam,

1. The Radiocommunication Bureau has carried out an in-depth review of its internal processes with a view of increasing the level of automation of the regulatory and technical examination and publication of submissions under Appendix **30B** as well as improving the accuracy and presentation of the information in the publications. The overall process has been re-designed, the inter-relationships between various software tools have been reviewed, and modifications to the Bureau's software have been completed.

2. As a consequence of the above, the Bureau has decided to adopt the use of the Special Section to the International Frequency Information Circular (BR IFIC) in lieu of the Circular Telegram to inform administrations of the characteristics of a new allotment added to the Plan in accordance with Article 7 of Appendix **30B** and a new assignment entered in the List in accordance with § 5.6 of Article 5 of that Appendix. The use of Special Sections will allow the Bureau to provide administrations with more detailed information including graphical data in a standard format which are used in various space notice publications.

3. The first pages of the Special Section will provide general information on the satellite network with an indication of the applicable provisions and a description of the various codes used in the publication. The central part of the publication will contain the allotment characteristics or the Appendix **4** satellite network data and associated graphical data. The last part will contain relevant notes and comments by the responsible administration, and the results of the Bureau's examination and related notes.

4. Beginning with BR IFIC No. 2581 of 31 October 2006, all publications under § 5.6 of Article 5, § 6.33 and § 6.49 of Articles 6 and 7 of Appendix **30B** will be published in a single type of Special Section, namely a AP30B/-- Special Section.

5. A detailed explanation of all of the fields and items included in the AP30B/-- Special Section may be found in Section II of Chapter 1 of the updated version of the Preface to the BR IFIC (Space Services) . The Preface will be published and updated regularly starting with BR IFIC No. 2581 onwards and on the ITU website at <http://www.itu.int/brspace/preface/>.

6. Please also note that the Reference Situation of the Appendix **30B** Plan and List, as it evolves as a result of addition and/or deletion of satellite networks/allotments is posted on the ITU website at <http://www.itu.int/ITU-R/space/plans/ap30b/> and contained in the BR IFIC.

7. The Bureau trusts that the information provided above will further clarify the way in which the new AP30B/-- Special Section is being implemented by the Bureau. If you have any queries regarding the contents of the Special Section, the contact person in the Bureau is Mr. Mitsuhiro Sakamoto, telephone: +41 22 730 5371, e-mail: mitsuhiro.sakamoto@itu.int.

Yours faithfully,

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