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To Administrations of Member States of ITU

Subject: Application of Article 12 of the Radio Regulations

- 1) Closing date for receipt of high frequency broadcasting schedules for the season A13 (31 March 2013 – 27 October 2013)
- 2) Regional coordination meeting, 2013

To the Director-General

Dear Sir/Madam,

1 Closing date for receipt of HF broadcasting schedules for the season A13

1.1 In accordance with provision No. 12.31 of the Radio Regulations, I wish to inform you that the Radiocommunication Bureau has set **20 January 2013** as the closing date for the receipt of the HFBC schedules for the season A13.

1.2 In order to issue the first tentative schedule (A13T1) and dispatch it to subscribers two months ahead of the implementation date (No. 12.34 of the Radio Regulations), administrations and authorized organizations are urged to send in their tentative schedules

before the closing date and, if possible, before 16 December 2012.

1.3 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 Radio Regulations), otherwise the requirements will not be accepted by the Bureau.

1.4 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.

1.5 A document describing the file format for submission of HFBC requirements in accordance with Article 12 of the Radio Regulations is available for download from the webpage: <http://www.itu.int/ITU-R/terrestrial/broadcast/hf/index.html> (in the HF broadcasting section of terrestrial services).

1.6 The foreseen dates of dispatch to subscribers of the CD-ROMs containing the updated schedule are indicated in **Annex 1** together with the dates by which updated schedules need to be received by the Bureau in order to be incorporated.

1.7 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.

2 Regional coordination meeting

2.1 As requested by the regional coordination groups, the Circular of Basic Indices for Ionospheric Propagation, as of December 2012, will include sun spot numbers data for two complete seasons to enable administrations and authorized organizations to perform seasonal planning on a longer term basis.

2.2 The Bureau has been informed of a joint ABU-HFC and HFCC/ASBU coordination meeting to be held from 28th January to 1st February 2013. The location is tentatively planned to be Tunis or Hammamet in Tunisia. Administrations are encouraged to participate in the meeting, which has proved effective in coordinating HFBC schedules among all HF users. 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>

Yours faithfully,

François Rancy
Director, Radiocommunication Bureau

Annex: 1

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Annex 1

HFBC schedule on CD-ROM – season A13 (31 March 2013 – 27 October 2013)

List of editions and closing dates for submissions

Schedule title	Date of edition	Date limit for submissions
A13 Tentative 1 (A13T1)	End of January 2013	20 January 2013
A13 Tentative 2 (A13T2)	End of February 2013	17 February 2013
A13 Schedule 1 (A13S1)	End of March 2013	17 March 2013
A13 Schedule 2 (A13S2)	End of May 2013	19 May 2013
A13 Schedule 3 (A13S3)	End of July 2013	21 July 2013
A13 Final (A13F)	End of November 2013	17 November 2013
