



Radiocommunication Bureau (BR)

Circular Letter
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To Administrations of Member States of the ITU

Subject: **Transitional measures for the elimination of advance publication filings by administrations for frequency assignments to satellite networks and systems subject to Section II of Article 9**

Reference: **BR Circular Letter CR/376 dated 22 December 2014**

The World Radiocommunication Conference, Geneva 2015 (WRC-15) adopted Resolution 31 (WRC-15) which entered into force on 28 November 2015 and deals with transitional measures for the elimination of advance publication filings by administrations for frequency assignments to satellite networks and systems subject to Section II of Article 9.

In accordance with *resolves* 1 of Resolution 31 (WRC-15), from 1 July 2016, No. **9.1** shall cease to be applied to satellite networks or systems subject to the coordination procedures in Section II of Article 9. Accordingly and from the same date, the SpaceWISC system will cease to accept any new Advance publication information (API) filings or related amendments. Similarly, emails from administrations requesting for submission of APIs subject to coordination will no longer be accepted.

The APIs received up to 30 June 2016 will continue to be processed and published through the SpaceWISC system that will continue to be operational for consultation of API publications and submission of comments under No. **9.5B** up to 31 December 2016.

Any request for coordination under Section II of Article 9 received between 1 July 2016 and 31 December 2016 will be treated as follows:

- For a request for coordination referring to an API received on or before 30 June 2016, it shall be considered as having been received on the date of receipt of the request for coordination that cannot be earlier than six months after the date of receipt of the associated API in accordance with No. **9.1** of the Radio Regulations (edition 2012);

- For a request for coordination not referring to any API received by 30 June 2016, the request for coordination will be considered as having been received by the Bureau on 1 January 2017, and treated accordingly.

In accordance with *resolves 2* of Resolution 31 (WRC-15), any API for a satellite network or system subject to the coordination procedures in Section II of Article 9 for which a coordination request has not been received by the Radiocommunication Bureau under No. 9.30 by 31 December 2016 shall be subsequently suppressed by the Radiocommunication Bureau and no longer taken into account.

From 1 July 2016, the Radiocommunication Bureau will also stop publishing modifications to API special sections concerning changes of satellite name and/or orbital positions within $\pm 6^\circ$ received in requests for coordination. These changes will be made available online for consultation by administrations at: www.itu.int/go/ITU-R/sat-names

From 1 January 2017 in accordance with No. 9.1A as revised by WRC-15, the Radiocommunication Bureau shall publish, using the basic characteristics of the coordination request, a general description of the network or system for advance publication in a Special Section of the BR IFIC. To this end, the Radiocommunication Bureau is currently developing a system of submission of satellite network filings in accordance with the requirements of Resolution 908 (WRC-15) that will facilitate such API publication. Further details will be provided in a subsequent circular letter to be issued before the end of 2016.

The Radiocommunication Bureau remains at the disposal of your Administration via the brmail@itu.int email address for any clarification you may require with respect to the subjects covered in this Circular Letter.



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