



Radiocommunication Bureau (BR)

Circular Letter
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To Administrations of Member States of the ITU

Subject: Application of Article 12 of the Radio Regulations:

- 1) Closing dates for receipt of high frequency broadcasting schedules for the Season A26 (29 March 2026 – 25 October 2026) and Season B26 (25 October 2026 – 28 March 2027)
- 2) Regional coordination meetings
- 3) International Radio for Disaster Relief (IRDR)
- 4) eHFBC online publication and tools
- 5) Compliance with the RR for the necessary bandwidth and Start/Stop times
- 6) Reminder on submission of broadcasting requirements

1 Closing dates for receipt of HF broadcasting schedules for the next seasons

In accordance with provision No. **12.31** of the Radio Regulations (RR), I wish to inform you that the Radiocommunication Bureau has set the closing dates for receipt of the HFBC schedules for the next seasons, as indicated in Tables 1 and 2 of the Annex 1 to this Circular.

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 RR); otherwise, the requirements will not be accepted by the Bureau.

Requirements must be **in electronic format only**, and submitted via WISFAT (<https://www.itu.int/en/ITU-R/terrestrial/tpr/Pages/Submission.aspx>), the web interface for submission of frequency assignments/ allotments (terrestrial services) in accordance with Circular Letters [CR/297](#) and [CR/308](#).

A document describing the **file format for submission of HFBC requirements**, in accordance with Article **12** of the RR, is available for download from the webpage: <https://www.itu.int/ITU-R/eTerrestrial/eBroadcasting/eHFBC#/about> (in the Notification section).

The foreseen dates of the online publications containing the updated schedules are indicated in the Annex 1, together with the dates by which updated schedules need to be received by the Bureau in order to be incorporated.

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 meetings

Information of the upcoming meetings of regional coordination groups can be found on the webpage <https://www.itu.int/ITU-R/eTerrestrial/eBroadcasting/eHFBC#/about>.

In this respect, your attention is drawn to the importance of participating in the regional coordination groups, which facilitate bilateral and multilateral coordination among administrations and broadcasters of various regions within the framework of Article 12 of the RR.

Therefore, the Bureau encourages your Administration to continue participating in such coordination meetings that prove to be an efficient mechanism in resolving overlapping HFBC requirements of different countries and thus ensures compatible operation of high frequency broadcasting stations.

For additional information, please contact the regional coordination groups:

- Arab States Broadcasting Union (ASBU): <https://www.asbu.net>
- Asia-Pacific Broadcasting Union – High Frequency Coordination (ABU-HFC): <https://www.abu.org.my>
- High Frequency Coordination Conference (HFCC): <https://new.hfcc.org/index.php>

3 International Radio for Disaster Relief (IRDR)

In accordance with Recommendation ITU-R BS.2107-1 defining the International Radio for Disaster Relief (IRDR) frequencies that may be used for High Frequency (HF) emergency broadcasts, the Bureau recommends that the IRDR frequencies listed in Annex 2 to this Circular be reserved for 24 hours per day, 365 days per year for emergency broadcasts in the High Frequency (HF) bands.

4 eHFBC online publication and tools

The HFBC schedules and compatibility analysis results are free of charge online publications integrated in the eTerrestrial portal and available at <https://www.itu.int/ITU-R/eTerrestrial/eBroadcasting/eHFBC#/> (see Circular Letter [CR/432](#)).

Starting 1st of March 2025, to access the eHFBC platform users need to adhere to the ITU's standard access policy, which requires registration as TIES users. All information about registration is available on the [TIES webpage](#).

5 Compliance with the RR for the necessary bandwidth and Start/Stop times

Your cooperation in ensuring compliance with the following items is highly recommended and will contribute to the efficient functioning of HF broadcasting transmissions:

5.1. Necessary bandwidth of emission

Members are urged to adhere strictly to the specifications outlined in APPENDIX 11 of the RR concerning the necessary bandwidth of emissions, as detailed below:

- For Double-sideband (DSB) systems, the bandwidth shall not exceed 9 kHz.
- For Single-sideband (SSB) systems, the bandwidth shall not exceed 4.5 kHz.
- A full digitally modulated emission should maintain a 10 kHz bandwidth with its centre frequency at any of the 5 kHz centre frequency locations in the channel raster currently in use within the HFBC bands.

For detailed system specifications, please refer to Appendix 11 of the RR (REV.WRC-19) and Recommendations ITU-R BS.639 and ITU-R BS.1514.

5.2. Start – Stop Times

Members are urged to operate transmissions in strict compliance with the submitted requirements or to notify the correct broadcasting times, accounting for warm-up and cool-down periods, as unexpected interference may occur due to emissions that commence earlier than or extend beyond the specified Start–Stop Times than the submitted ones.

The Bureau remains at the disposal of your Administration for any clarification you may require with respect to the subject covered in this Circular Letter. For any assistance, please contact BRMAIL@itu.int.

6 Reminder on submission of broadcasting requirements

In accordance with provision No. 12.4 of Article 12 of the Radio Regulations, administrations and broadcasters are reminded that only broadcasting requirements expected to become operational during the relevant schedule period shall be submitted.

The inclusion of requirements not intended for actual operation undermines spectrum efficiency and increases the risk of incompatibilities. Administrations are therefore urged to review their schedules prior to submission, ensuring that all entries reflect actual operational requirements. This measure is essential to maintain an effective and reliable seasonal planning process.

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Annex 1

**Table 1: List of schedules and closing dates for submissions
HFBC Schedule – A26 (29 March 2026 – 25 October 2026):**

	Schedule title	Date of publication	Date limit for submissions
1.1	A26 Tentative 1 (A26T1)	End of January 2026	18 January 2026
1.2	A26 Tentative 2 (A26T2)	End of February 2026	15 February 2026
1.3	A26 Schedule 1 (A26S1)	End of March 2026	15 March 2026
1.4	A26 Schedule 2 (A26S2)	End of May 2026	17 May 2026
1.5	A26 Schedule 3 (A26S3)	End of July 2026	19 July 2026
1.6	A26 Final (A26F)	End of November 2026	15 November 2026

**Table 2: List of schedules and closing dates for submissions
HFBC Schedule – B26 (25 October 2026 – 28 March 2027)**

	Schedule title	Date of publication	Date limit for submissions
1.1	B26 Tentative 1 (B26T1)	End of August 2026	16 August 2026
1.2	B26 Tentative 2 (B26T2)	End of September 2026	20 September 2026
1.3	B26 Schedule 1 (B26S1)	End of October 2026	18 October 2026
1.4	B26 Schedule 2 (B26S2)	End of December 2026	20 December 2026
1.5	B26 Final (B26F)	End of April 2027	18 April 2027

Annex 2

IRDR frequencies for emergency broadcasts in the High Frequency (HF) bands

Band (MHz)	IRDR frequency (kHz) ¹
6	5 910
7	7 400
9	9 430
11	11 840
13	13 620
15	15 650
17	17 500
19	18 950
21	21 840
26	26 010

¹ The frequency channel adjacent to these frequencies should also be clear (± 5 kHz).