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To Administrations of ITU Member States and Members of the Radiocommunication Sector

Subject: **Introduction of new Special Sections for the publication of confirmation of bringing into use, suspension of use and resumption of use of frequency assignments to satellite networks.**

In order to improve the publication and availability of information relating to the bringing into use, suspension of use and resumption of use of frequency assignments to satellite networks or systems, the Radiocommunication Bureau is pleased to announce the introduction of dedicated Special Sections in the International Frequency Information Circular (BR IFIC) for the publication of such information. These new Special Sections will replace the corresponding Part II-S publications currently being used for these purposes.

Past publications

Information relating to the bringing into use, suspension of use and resumption of use of frequency assignments was published in Part II-S of the BR IFIC, either as a standalone publication or together with the list of favourable findings. Such information could only be published following the recording of the relevant frequency assignments in the Master Register, which may result in a delay between the receipt of the information from the notifying Administration and its publication by the Bureau.

New Special Sections

The BR has developed new Special Sections for publication in the BR IFIC to provide information relating to the confirmation of bringing into use (BIU/C/--), suspension of use (BIU/S/--), resumption of use (BIU/R/--) of frequency assignments to satellite networks or systems, as well as to the extension of the regulatory time-limit for bringing into use, or resuming the use of, (BIU/E/--) such frequency assignments, following a decision by the Radio Regulations Board.

The first page of the Special Sections will provide general information on the satellite network or system, including an indication of the applicable regulatory provisions. The main part of the publication will contain the list of frequency bands concerned, and where applicable, the identification of the orbital plane in which the space station has been deployed to bring into use, or resume the use of, the frequency assignments under the provisions of No. **11.44C.4,** No.**11.44D.3**, No. **11.49.2** or No. **11.49.3** of the Radio Regulations (i.e. frequency assignments to a space station in a non-geostationary-satellite orbit with "Earth" as the reference body).

At the end of the Special Sections, a link will be provided to the "BIU summary" available in the Space Explorer online application. The "BIU summary" will provide the status of each group of frequency assignments with respect to bringing into use, suspension of use and its period of validity. It should be noted, however, that this information will only be available for groups of frequency assignments that have been published in Part II-S and recorded in the Master Register.

These Special Sections will become the sole official publication for information relating to the bringing into use, suspension of use and resumption of use of frequency assignments to satellite networks. Consequently, Part II-S publications will no longer contain such information.

Other sources of information

The BR takes this opportunity to remind administrations that it makes available, through the following webpages, information on the status of frequency assignments to satellite networks, including "as received" information:

Bringing into use:

https://www.itu.int/net/ITU-R/space/biu/index.html

Suspension of use and resumption of use:

http://www.itu.int/net/ITU-R/space/snl/list1149/index.asp

The new publications are planned to be released from 1st January 2027, when details of the special sections new formats will be available in six languages on the Preface webpage:

https://www.itu.int/en/ITU-R/space/Pages/prefaceMain.aspx

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