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# Regulatory framework for terrestrial services

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#### **Terrestrial services**



#### Terrestrial: stations on the ground, at sea, in the air up to ≈ 50 km

- Fixed service: fixed wireless access, backbone lines, backhauling
- Land Mobile: mobile broadband ubiquitous connectivity, PMR
- Aeronautical mobile: comms with aircraft, at airports, WAICs
- Maritime mobile: communications with ship, shore, e-navigation
- Broadcasting: TV and sound program delivery to population
- Radionavigation : location and navigation
- Radiolocation: object detection, transport safety, e.g. intelligent transport systems (ITS), air/maritime traffic control
- Others: Amateur, Meteorological aids, standard frequency and time signal



# Main regulatory instruments



# Radio Regulations

- Allocations
- Procedures
- Technical limits
- Worldwide Plans

# Regional Agreements

- Regional plans
- Plan modification procedures
- Technical basis

# Special Agreements

- Between countries
- within other international organizations

**Maintained by ITU** 

**Outside ITU** 

#### Other instruments:

- Rules of Procedure that complement some RR provisions
- ➤ ITU-R Recommendations: technical standards containing system characteristics, channeling arrangements, mitigation techniques, etc.



## **Radio Regulations**



- Main instrument of international regulatory environment
- Based on 2 main concepts:
  - (1) Blocks of frequency allocations to services having similar characteristics. Now: 9 KHz 3 000 GHz. Future > optical?
    - ✓ Facilitates compatible operation of stations.
    - ✓ Creates stable planning environment for administrations and industry
  - > (2) Regulatory procedures:
    - Coordination -> operation at acceptable interference level
    - Notification and recording stations in the MIFR -> obtaining international rights to operate i.e. international recognition
    - Resolving interference, supported by radiomonitoring, etc.



# Approaches to sharing spectrum



#### **Approaches**

#### **Frequency Coordination**

- coordination of frequencies with neighbours prior to bringing station in operation
- Based on real and actual needs in frequencies
- Flexible and efficient spectrum use
- RR Article 9 international coordination procedures

#### Frequency Planning

- Distribution of frequencies between countries/stations
- Aims at equitable access to spectrum
- Satisfies long term needs of countries in frequencies
- Sometimes not ideal for efficient spectrum use



### Frequency plans for terrestrial services



- Types of frequency plans:
  - Assignment and Allotment; Worldwide and Regional plans
- Existing frequency plans for terrestrial services:
  - Worldwide HF allotment plans for maritime mobile and aeronautical mobile services in RR Appendixes 25, 26, 27
  - Regional/sub-regional (concluded under the auspices of ITU)
    - VHF/UHF sound and TV broadcasting : GE84, ST61, GE89, GE06
    - LF/MF sound broadcasting: GE75, RJ81, RJ8
    - LF/MF maritime and aeronautical: GE85M, GE85N
  - Seasonal planning HFBC: AR 12
  - Other plans concluded outside ITU: ICAO, IALA



# **Master International Frequency Register**



- Master International Frequency Register (MIFR): database on the actual usage of frequencies by stations all over the world.
- Covers all terrestrial services, except amateur, with current records from 10.1 kHz to 143 GHz
- Currently contains around 2 556 000 terrestrial assignments. More than 100 000 assignments processed yearly
- Published every 2 weeks in the BR International Frequency Information Circular (BRIFIC) on DVD and online
  - Practical value of the MIFR:
    - Obtaining the right of international recognition
    - Identification of sources of interference
    - Basis for coordination activities
    - > Information on the parameters and deployment of stations
    - Reference data for decisions on new allocations at WRCs





#### Other terrestrial activities



- Publishing List of Coast Stations (List IV), List of Ship Stations (List V) and maintenance of the related <u>Maritime Mobile Access and Retrieval</u> <u>Database</u> (MARS)
- Allocation of Means of Identification for stations (call sign series, Maritime Identification Digits, etc.) and publication in <u>Global</u> <u>Administrative Database</u> (GLAD)
- Organization of <u>radiomonitoring programmes</u> in HF band and in 406-406.1 MHz; publishing summaries of monitoring results. Publication of the List of International Monitoring Stations (List VIII)
- Maintenance of the <u>database of emergency and disaster relief</u> communications (Resolution 647(Rev.WRC-15))
- Maintenance of the <u>database of oceanographic radars</u> (Resolution 612(Rev.WRC-12))



#### **Assistance to administrations**



#### Assistance to administrations:

- In the application of the procedures of the RR and Regional Agreements, training in the related software
- > In resolving cases of harmful interference
- ➤ In resolving cases of alleged contravention or non-observance of the Radio Regulations
- > In transition to digital TV and allocation of Digital Dividend
- In multilateral coordination meeting, e.g. on spillover
- Providing best practices of spectrum usage



## Databases, software and online tools



Frequency assignment/allotment databases | **Administrative databases** (parameters to assess compatibility, international (administrative/operational data, rights) reference information) **MARS MIFR** Plans **GLAD** -worldwide/regional - worldwide - specific services - all services - planned bands - all bands Dedicated software, web Web access access, online tools **Administrations** 





# Thank you for your attention!