Fixed-Satellite Service Plan (AP30B)

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APPENDIX 30B - FSS PLAN

Adopted by WARC ORB-88 (World Administrative Radio Conference on the Use of the Geostationary-Satellite Orbit and the Planning of Space Services Utilizing It)

Modified by WRC-07 (World Radio Conference) to improve its efficiency and reflect the most recent technology development

Objective:

to guarantee in practice, for all countries, equitable access to the geostationary-satellite orbit in the frequency bands of the fixed-satellite service covered by Appendix 30B
Plan and List frequency bands are identified in:

- Article 5 (Allocation Table & Footnotes) of the RR
- Footnote of Article 11 of the RR
- Article 3 of Appendix 30B
FREQUENCY BANDS (2)

6 / 4 GHz
(300 MHz)
6725 - 7025 MHz (up)
4500 - 4800 MHz (down)

13 / 10-11 GHz
(500 MHz)
12.75 - 13.25 GHz (up)
10.70 - 10.95 GHz (down)
11.20 - 11.45 GHz (down)
Nominal orbital position

Bandwidth of 800MHz × 2 (uplink and downlink)

Service area for national coverage
National allotments are included in:

Article 10 of AP30B (the Plan)

- orbital position, power levels and ellipse parameters ...  

More details like the test points associated to each beam are included in the 30B database

http://www.itu.int/itu-r/space/plans/AP30B
ELEMENT OF ALLOTMENT (2)

General basic technical characteristics are described in Annex 1 of AP30B

- Type of modulation (any type), Polarization (any), C/N, Protection ratio, System noise, Antenna, reference bandwidth, pointing accuracy etc.

- Most of them are characteristics used for establishing the Plan at WARC-ORB-88 and subsequently updated by WRC-07 → can be different for modifications
List of Assignments

The FSS Plan

National Allotments->Assignments

Additional systems

- A system for which the assignments submitted by an administration are **not the result of conversion** of an allotment into assignments

- The **national allotment** of the administration submitting additional systems shall be **retained**
PROCEDURES OF AP30B

- Plan
  - Allotment
  - Additional systems
- List
  - Assignment
- MIFR

Art.7
Art.6
Art.8
LIST OF ASSIGNMENTS

- Assignments derived from allotments (Plan)
- Assignments relating to additional systems
- Assignments relating to former existing systems in Part B
- Assignments relating to former sub-regional systems
- Assignments relating to former additional uses
Compatibility has to be established between allotments in the Plan (yellow) and assignments in the List (yellow).
Compatibility among allotments in the Plan and assignments in the List at WRC-07

Aggregate C/I ratio of 21 dB

with coordination arc concept

(26 dB at WARC-ORB-88)
MAIN REGULATORY ASPECTS

Plan

Art.7

Allotment

Art.6

List

Assignment

Art.8

MIFR

Additional systems

[Diagram showing the relationship between Plan, Allotment, List, Assignment, and MIFR with references to Art.7, Art.6, and Art.8]
CONVERSION AND AGREEMENT SEEKING

Article 6 of AP30B

Former Sections I (conversion), IA (conversion with modification), IB (existing system) II (sub-regional system), III (additional use) were combined into single procedure which is applicable for

- Conversion of an allotment into an assignment
- Introduction of an additional system
- Modification of an assignment in the List

8 years Regulatory period from receipt of Article 6 submission

- to complete Article 6 procedure (obtain agreement) to be included in the List
- to bring assignments into use (confirmation through notification procedure)
- to submit due diligence information (Res.49)
NEW ALLOTMENT FOR A NEW MEMBER STATE
Article 7 of AP30B

A new Member State can obtain a national allotment in the Plan

Required information:

- Geographical coordinates of 20 test points (max.)
- Height above sea of each test point
- Any special requirement, other than a fixed orbital position

The Bureau identifies the proposed orbital locations with associated technical parameters

Processing the request ahead of pending submissions for Article 6

In case of incompatibility the request will be placed ahead of pending submissions Article 6 and Article 6 procedure applies
NOTIFICATION OF ASSIGNMENTS

Article 8 of AP30B

Any assignment for which Article 6 procedure has been successfully applied shall be notified in accordance with Article 8 of AP30B

- Final characteristics for List assignments to be recorded in MIFR (not taken into account in subsequent technical examinations under Article 6, Article 7 and Article 8)

- Confirmation of the date of bringing into use

AP4 data should be submitted not earlier than 3 years but not later than 8 years after the submission under Article 6

Published in Part IS → Part IIS or Part IIIS

All assignment data in MIFR can be found on the BR IFIC & the ITU website at:
http://www.itu.int/sns/
Conformity with the Convention,
Table of Allocations,
other provisions (Art. 21 of RR)

Conformity with the List
PROCESSING OF ARTICLE 6 SUBMISSIONS (1)

- Submission of validated Appendix 4 data (8 years before planned date of bringing into use)

  - Validation Check
    - Fail
    - OK
      - Acknowledgement by telefax

  - Publication of the submitted information as received (BR IFIC & SNL Part C [http://www.itu.int/ITU-R/space/snl/](http://www.itu.int/ITU-R/space/snl/))
PROCESSING OF ARTICLE 6 SUBMISSIONS (2)

- Reply must be sent within 30 days (receivability RoP)
- Completeness examination and telefax
- Regulatory/technical examination
- Publication of Special Section (BR IFIC) that contains the filed satellite network characteristics and potentially affected administrations
Administrations should examine each BR IFIC to see if their assignments are affected and respond within 4 months.

Affected administrations that do not comment within the 4 month period are deemed to have not agreed.

Notifying administration can request assistance of the BR to receive replies from affected administrations.

No response from Affected administrations to the BR’s reminder is considered as agreement.

The BR sends a reminder to the affected administration which has not replied.
PROCESSING OF ARTICLE 6 SUBMISSIONS (4)

Administration

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Submission of validated Appendix 4 data (final characteristics) with agreements (request for AP30B/A6B publication)

Validation Check

OK

Acknowledgement by telefax

Completeness examination

Reply must be sent within 30 days (receivability ROP)

Fail

Answer: The process involves the submission of validated Appendix 4 data, followed by a validation check. If the check fails, the process stops. If it passes, an acknowledgement is sent by telefax, and a completeness examination is conducted. The reply must be sent within 30 days.
PROCESSING OF ARTICLE 6 SUBMISSIONS (5)

Submission of notification (confirmation of bringing into use), Res.49 due diligence information

Regulatory/technical examination

Publication of AP30B/A6B Special Section (BR IFIC) that contain the final characteristics
The latest reference situation and the characteristics of networks are contained in the 30B database distributed on the BR IFIC and posted on http://www.itu.int/ITU-R/space/plans/AP30B
Compatibility with Plan and List in application of Articles 6 and 7

Annex 3
Compatibility outside coordination arc

- Downlink PFD hard limit on any portion of the surface of the Earth
- Uplink PFD hard limit towards any location in the geostationary-satellite orbit located beyond the coordination arc
Compatibility Criteria (2)

Annex 4

Compatibility **Within** the coordination arc, agreement is required when at least one of the following three conditions is not satisfied:

- **Uplink single-entry C/I ≥ 30dB, or (C/N)up +9dB,** or accepted value
- **Downlink single-entry C/I ≥ 26.65dB or (C/N)down +11.65dB**, or accepted value
- **Over all aggregate C/I ≥ 21dB or (C/N)total+7dB**, or accepted value

- Computation precision is 0.05dB for all
- Tolerance of 0.25dB for aggregate C/I criteria of assignments not stemming from conversion (within the envelop characteristics of the initial allotment)
OTHER RELATED ISSUES

The 1st updated reference situations after WRC-07 was published (CR278 of 15 February 2008)

Implementation of Res.148 (WRC-07) and revised AP30B was explained (CR280 of 4 March 2008)

Treatment of Article 7 submissions received before/after WRC-07 is completed

Treatment of pending Article 6 submissions started in 2009
USEFUL WEBSITE ADDRESSES
FOR MORE INFORMATION

http://www.itu.int/ITU-R/space/plans/index.html
General information relating to space plan services

http://www.itu.int/ITU-R/space/snl/index.html
SNL On-Line; list of published networks, networks in the backlog
Any questions?
CHANGES AT WRC-07 (Procedure)

Deletion of existing system, subregional system and additional use and creation of additional system

Before WRC-07

Plan

Art.7

List

Art.6

Assignment

Existing system

Subregional system

Additional use

Art.6

I, IA

IB

II

III

After WRC-07

Plan

Art.7

List

Art.6

Assignment

Allotment

Subregional system

Additional systems
Two-step approach like AP30/30A (non-sequential treatment)

with deletion of PDA (predetermined arc)
I. Requirement of explicit agreement in case of degradation below limit has been maintained but procedure of BR assistance in case of no response has been introduced (6.10 - 6.15)

II. The provisions to allow provisional entries has been introduced in case of no agreement with respect to assignments (not allotments) (6.24-6.29)

III. Requirement of administrative agreement for inclusion of the territory of other countries in the service area has been maintained but is requested at the end of agreement seeking process (6.19)

The provision to allow exclusion of its territory from the service area at any time has been introduced (6.16)

IV. The provisions to allow processing of Article 7 request ahead of pending submissions for Article 6 have been introduced (7.3-7.7)

V. 0.05 computational precision has been maintained but 0.25 tolerance has been introduced for aggregate C/I of assignments not stemming from the conversion of an allotment into assignment without modification (Annex 4)

VI. The protection based on downlink service area using interpolation has been introduced (Annex 4)
I. Coordination Arc Concept has been introduced (±10 degree 6/4GHz, ±9 degrees 13/10-11GHz)

II. Reduced C/N objective (faded) was used (23→21dB feeder link, 17→15dB downlink)

III. Reduced size of antenna was used (7→5.5m 6/4GHz, 3→2.7m 13/10-11GHz)

IV. Reduced system noise temperature was used (earth station 140→95K 4GHz 200→125K 10-11GHz, space station 1000→500K 6GHz 1500→550K 13GHz)

V. Reduced aggregate overall C/I criteria was used (23→21dB)

VI. Deletion of general parameter

VII. Deletion of macro segmentation
PREDETERMINED ARC (PDA)

I. The PDA is a segment of the GSO about a nominal orbital position, associated to each satellite system

II. The width of the PDA is reduced as the stage of development of the system progresses.

III. An administration is not considered as affected if its nominal orbital position is moved within the corresponding PDA while keeping interference within the accepted levels.

IV. In other words, nominal orbital position can be moved by other administrations.

✓ Sequential treatment of the submissions
GENERALIZED PARAMETERS (1)

I. A & C

✓ Up & Down link interference-producing capability expressed by the respective off-axis e.i.r.p. density

II. B & D

✓ Up & Down link interference sensitivity expressed by the respective off-axis receiver sensitivity to interfering e.i.r.p. density
II. The macro segmentation concept* was introduced as a means to avoid coordination during the implementation of an allotment.

III. When the macro segmentation scheme is not observed, the allotment can be implemented if compatibility with other systems is achieved.

✓ * The upper 60% of each allotment band should be used for high-density carriers and the lower 40% for low-density carriers. The high density carriers are those whose ratio of power spectral density peak (4 kHz) to average (necessary bandwidth) is greater than 5 dB. The low density carriers are those for which this ratio is less than 5 dB.

✓ * Applicable also sub-regional systems and additional uses (RoP)
EXISTING SYSTEM

I. Recorded in the MIFR before the adoption of the Plan, or Coordination procedure has been initiated before the adoption of the Plan, or Advance publication information was received by the BR before 8 August 1985

II. Included in Article 10 of AP30B (Part B of the Plan)

III. Existing systems in Part B expire after 20 years from the entry into force of the Appendix 30B (16 March 1990) and have been either entered in the List, as well as notified and brought into use, or have been cancelled

IV. PDA concept can be used
I. Satellite system created by agreement among neighbouring countries

II. Intended to provide domestic or subregional services within the geographical areas of the countries concerned

III. All or part of the national allotments used by the subregional system shall be suspended for the life period of the subregional system unless it does not affect allotments or assignments

III. PDA concept can be used
I. Allowed in case of a requirement whose characteristics differ from those used in Part A of the Plan

II. Such requirement can be met only if:

✓ the administration has already converted all or part of its allotment into an assignment, or

✓ the requirement cannot be met by the conversion of the allotment into an assignment

III. The procedures for additional uses may be applied provided that the proposed assignments have a maximum period of validity of 15 years

IV. Limited to national coverage unless otherwise agreed

V. PDA concept cannot be used
## Article 5 Table of Frequency Allocations

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5.441 The use of the bands 4 500-4 800 MHz (space-to-Earth), 6 725-7 025 MHz (Earth-to-space) by the fixed-satellite service shall be in accordance with the provisions of Appendix 30B. The use of the bands 10.7-10.95 GHz (space-to-Earth), 11.2-11.45 GHz (space-to-Earth) and 12.75-13.25 GHz (Earth-to-space) by geostationary-satellite systems in the fixed-satellite service shall be in accordance with the provisions of Appendix 30B. The use of the bands 10.7-10.95 GHz (space-to-Earth), 11.2-11.45 GHz (space-to-Earth) and 12.75-13.25 GHz (Earth-to-space) by a non-geostationary-satellite system in the fixed-satellite service is subject to application of the provisions of No. 9.12 for coordination with other non-geostationary-satellite systems in the fixed-satellite service. Non-geostationary-satellite systems in the fixed-satellite service shall not claim protection from geostationary-satellite networks in the fixed-satellite service operating in accordance with the Radio Regulations, irrespective of the dates of receipt by the Bureau of the complete coordination or notification information, as appropriate, for the non-geostationary-satellite systems in the fixed-satellite service and of the complete coordination or notification information, as appropriate, for the geostationary-satellite networks, and No. 5.43A does not apply. Non-geostationary-satellite systems in the fixed-satellite service in the above bands shall be operated in such a way that any unacceptable interference that may occur during their operation shall be rapidly eliminated. (WRC-2000)
ARTICLE 3

Frequency bands

3.1 The provisions of this Appendix shall apply to the fixed-satellite service in the frequency bands between:

- 4 500 and 4 800 MHz (space-to-Earth);
- 6 725 and 7 025 MHz (Earth-to-space);
- 10.70 and 10.95 GHz (space-to-Earth);
- 11.20 and 11.45 GHz (space-to-Earth);
- 12.75 and 13.25 GHz (Earth-to-space).
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