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## Radiocommunication Bureau (BR)

Circular Letter  
CR/423

Geneva, 20 November 2017

### To Administrations of Member States of the ITU

Subject: **Application of Article 12 of the Radio Regulations:**

- 1) **Closing date for receipt of high frequency broadcasting schedules for the season A18 (25 March 2018 – 28 October 2018)**
- 2) **Regional coordination meeting, 2018**

#### 1 Closing date for receipt of HF broadcasting schedules for the season A18

In accordance with provision No. 12.31 of the Radio Regulations, I wish to inform you that the Radiocommunication Bureau has set **14 January 2018** as the closing date for the receipt of the HFBC schedules for the season A18.

In order to issue the first tentative schedule (A18T1) and dispatch it to subscribers two months ahead of the implementation date (No. 12.34 of the Radio Regulations), administrations and authorized organizations are urged to send in their tentative schedules **before the closing date and, if possible, before 24 December 2017**.

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 Radio Regulations); otherwise the requirements will not be accepted by the Bureau.

Requirements must be in **electronic format only**, and submitted via the WISFAT (<http://www.itu.int/ITU-R/go/wisfat>) 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 Radio Regulations is available for download from the webpage: <http://www.itu.int/en/ITU-R/terrestrial/broadcast/HFBC/Pages/default.aspx> (in the Notification section).

The foreseen dates of dispatch to subscribers of the CD-ROMs containing the updated schedule are indicated in the Annex, 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 meeting**

The Bureau has been informed of an A18 Global Coordination Conference to be held in Malaysia, from 22 to 26 January 2018 (further information is available on the conference's webpage: <http://www.hfcc.org>).

In this respect, your attention is drawn to the importance of participation 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 Radio Regulations.

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): <http://www.asbu.net>
- Asia-Pacific Broadcasting Union – High Frequency Coordination (ABU-HFC): <http://www.abu.org.my>
- High Frequency Coordination Conference (HFCC): <http://www.hfcc.org>

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](mailto:BRMAIL@itu.int).



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**Annex: 1**

**Distribution:**

- Administrations of Member States of ITU
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**Annex**

**HFBC Schedule on CD-ROM – A18 (25 March 2018 – 28 October 2018)**

List of editions and closing dates for submissions

<b>Schedule title</b>	<b>Date of edition</b>	<b>Date limit for submissions</b>
A18 Tentative 1 (A18T1)	End of January 2018	14 January 2018
A18 Tentative 2 (A18T2)	End of February 2018	18 February 2018
A18 Schedule 1 (A18S1)	End of March 2018	18 March 2018
A18 Schedule 2 (A18S2)	End of May 2018	20 May 2018
A18 Schedule 3 (A18S3)	End of July 2018	15 July 2018
A18 Final (A18F)	End of November 2018	18 November 2018

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