



## 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 date for receipt of high frequency broadcasting schedules for the season B18 (28 October 2018 – 31 March 2019)**
- 2) **Regional coordination meeting, 2018**
- 3) **Replies to the Questionnaire on High Frequency Broadcasting (HFBC)**

#### 1 Closing date for receipt of HF broadcasting schedules for the season B18

In accordance with provision No. 12.31 of the Radio Regulations (RR), I wish to inform you that the Radiocommunication Bureau has set **19 August 2018** as the closing date for receipt of the HFBC schedules for the season B18.

In order to issue the first tentative schedule (B18T1) and dispatch it to subscribers two months ahead of the implementation date (No. 12.34 of the RR), administrations and authorized organizations are urged to send in their tentative schedules **before the closing date and, if possible, before 12 August 2018**.

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 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 RR, 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 a B18 Coordination Conference to be held in Slovakia, from 27 to 31 August 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 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): <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>

## 3) Replies to the Questionnaire on High Frequency Broadcasting (HFBC)

The Bureau, in consultation with the High Frequency (HF) Regional Coordination Groups, conducted an online questionnaire on HFBC in order to gather information concerning different aspects of the use of the HFBC service in accordance with Article 12 of the RR relating to seasonal planning of the HF bands allocated to the broadcasting service between 5900 and 26100 kHz and to assess the participation of administrations and broadcasting entities in bilateral and multi-lateral HFBC frequency coordination meetings.

The Bureau wishes to thank all participants in the survey and is pleased to inform you that the replies to the questionnaire are available on the following ITU web page:

<https://www.itu.int/en/ITU-R/terrestrial/broadcast/HFBC/Pages/display.aspx>

The gathered information will contribute to the update of the ITU HFBC database and the revision of the HFBC reference tables as well as other related data.

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).



François Rancy  
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**Annex****HFBC Schedule– B18 (28 October 2018 – 31 March 2019)**

List of editions and closing dates for submissions:

<b>Schedule title</b>	<b>Date of edition</b>	<b>Date limit for submissions</b>
B18 Tentative 1 (B18T1)	End of August 2018	19 August 2018
B18 Tentative 2 (B18T2)	End of September 2018	23 September 2018
B18 Schedule 1 (B18S1)	End of October 2018	21 October 2018
B18 Schedule 2 (B18S2)	End of December 2018	16 December 2018
B18 Final (B18F )	End of April 2019	22 April 2019

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