



Radiocommunication Bureau (BR)

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To Administrations of Member States of the ITU

Subject: **Removal of obsolete information on Advance Publication Information (API) and coordination requests from the Space Radiocommunications Stations (SRS) database**

The purpose of this Circular Letter is to provide information on the removal from the Space Radiocommunications Stations (SRSxxxx.mdb) database distributed in the BR IFIC (Space services) of obsolete information related to Advance Publication Information (API) and requests for coordination of satellite networks for which the regulatory period specified under Nos. **11.44** and **11.44.1** has expired and for which the frequency assignments have partly or wholly been recorded in the Master International Frequency Register (MIFR).

In accordance with the provisions of No. **11.48**, the Radiocommunication Bureau cancels frequency assignments not brought into use or for which the first notice for recording the assignments under No. **11.15** has not been submitted to the Bureau within the regulatory period specified under Nos. **11.44** and **11.44.1**, and cancels the corresponding information published under Nos. **9.2B** and **9.38**, as appropriate.

Information related to requests for coordination for which the corresponding frequency assignments have been submitted for notification and recorded in the MIFR has, however, continued until now to be maintained in the SRS database even beyond the end of the above regulatory period, and to be taken into account in the technical examination of subsequent satellite network coordination requests by the Bureau.

On 1 January 2015, the SRS database included 1 018 recorded satellite networks including associated requests for coordination with dates of receipt earlier than 1 January 2008.

This situation has resulted in the identification of coordination requirements based on obsolete requests for coordination information, a likely overprotection of recorded frequency assignments with characteristics (e.g. smaller bandwidth, restricted service area, lower EIRP of earth stations, etc.) different from the coordination request characteristics still taken into account, and thus also created an unnecessary coordination burden on administrations.

As already suggested in paragraph 3.4 of Addendum 7 to WRC-12 Document 4 (Report of the Director to WRC-12), as a possible solution to facilitate the completion of coordination and to alleviate the above coordination burden, the Bureau is pleased to inform all administrations of the removal of obsolete API and request for coordination information from the SRS database, starting with BR IFIC 2788 (17/02/2015).

The removal of API and request for coordination information will be implemented in a two-step approach – a one-time removal of the current obsolete API and request for coordination information in the SRS database, and then a regular removal of API and request for coordination information reaching the end of the regulatory period.

The API information on satellite networks or systems subject to coordination under Section II of Article 9 (Sub-Section 1B) will be transferred from the SRS database to the SpaceWISC database once the SpaceWISC database becomes active.

The API information on satellite networks or systems not subject to the coordination procedure under Section II of Article 9 (Sub-Section 1A) with a date of receipt no later than 1 January 2008 will be removed from the SRS database.

The list of removed API special sections and requests for coordination with a date of receipt no later than 1 January 2008 will be published on the Bureau website at: <http://www.itu.int/sn/sns-removal.html> and in BR IFIC 2788 (17/02/2015).

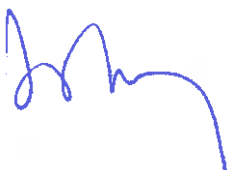
Thereafter on a regular basis every two weeks, the Bureau will identify the satellite networks or systems for which the regulatory deadline (seven-year period) has been reached and for which a PART II-S special section has been published. The corresponding API and request for coordination information for these networks will then be removed from the SRS database or SpaceWISC, as appropriate, and the administrations informed accordingly on both the Bureau website and in the BR IFIC (Space services).

Removed APIs and requests for coordination will no longer be included in the SRS database starting with BR IFIC 2788 (17/02/2015). However, the data will still be available on SNS-online, in the BR IFIC where the request for coordination has been published, and in versions of the SRS database prior to BR IFIC 2788.

APIs subject to coordination will also be visible in SpaceWISC.

The removal of API and request for coordination information has no impact on BR examination software (GIBC).

The Bureau remains at the disposal of your Administration via the brmail@itu.int address for any clarification you may require with respect to the subjects covered in this Circular Letter.



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