Radiocommunication Bureau (BR)

Circular Letter

Geneva, 23 November 2016

CR/410

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 A17 (26 March 2017 – 29 October 2017)**

2) **Regional coordination meeting, 2017**

1   Closing date for receipt of HF broadcasting schedules for the season A17

In accordance with provision No. 12.31 of the Radio Regulations, I wish to inform you that the Radiocommunication Bureau has set 15 January 2017 as the closing date for the receipt of the HFBC schedules for the season A17.

In order to issue the first tentative schedule (A17T1) 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 18 December 2016.**

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.

2   Regional coordination meeting

The Bureau has been informed of an HFCC/ASBU/ABU A17 Global Coordination Conference to be held in Dead Sea Resort, Jordan, from 6 to 10 February 2017 (further information is available on the conference's webpage: http://www.hfcc.org). Administrations are encouraged to participate in the meeting, which has proved effective in coordinating HFBC schedules among all HF users. 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 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.
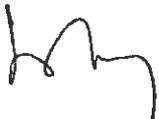
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Annex: 1

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Annex

HFBC Schedule on CD-ROM – A17 (26 March 2017 – 29 October 2017)

List of editions and closing dates for submissions

Schedule title	Date of edition	Date limit for submissions
A17 Tentative 1 (A17T1)	End of January 2017	15 January 2017
A17 Tentative 2 (A17T2)	End of February 2017	19 February 2017
A17 Schedule 1 (A17S1)	End of March 2017	19 March 2017
A17 Schedule 2 (A17S2)	End of May 2017	21 May 2017
A17 Schedule 3 (A17S3)	End of July 2017	20 July 2017
A17 Final (A17F)	End of November 2017	19 November 2017

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