



Circular Letter
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To Administrations of Member States of ITU

Subject: Draft Rule of Procedure concerning the treatment of request for coordination or notification notices of satellite networks received prior to the entry into force of a WRC decision

Please find enclosed a draft Rule of Procedure on the treatment by the Radiocommunication Bureau of requests for coordination under Article 9 or notification under Article 11 of the Radio Regulations submitted to the Bureau as of the first day after a World Radiocommunication Conference (WRC) but before the effective date of entry into force of the WRC new or updated frequency allocations.

This draft new Rule of Procedure has been developed in accordance with the instructions provided by the Radio Regulations Board (RRB) at its 71st meeting (see Document [RRB16-1/21](#)).

In accordance with No. 13.17 of the Radio Regulations, this draft Rule of Procedure is made available to administrations for comments before being submitted to the RRB pursuant to No. 13.14. As indicated in No. 13.12A d) of the Radio Regulations, any comments that you may wish to submit should reach the Bureau not later than **18 April 2016**, in order to be considered at the 72nd meeting of the RRB, scheduled for 16 – 20 May 2016. Comments should be sent either by telefax to +41 22 730 5785 or by email to brmail@itu.int.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'FRANCIS RANCY'.

François Rancy
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Annex: 1

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ANNEX

Rules concerning

Treatment by the Radiocommunication Bureau of requests for coordination under Article 9 or notification under Article 11 of the Radio Regulations submitted to the Bureau as of the first day after a WRC but before the effective date of entry into force of the WRC new or updated frequency allocations

For a coordination request or notification notice including a frequency assignment under a new or updated allocation adopted by a WRC and received by the Bureau as of the first day after the Conference, the conformity of the frequency assignments, with the Table of Frequency Allocations is considered through the examinations under No. **9.35** (with respect to the conformity with No. **11.31**) or No. **11.31**, as appropriate, and the Findings of the Bureau will reflect the status of the frequency assignment with respect to the conformity with the Table of Frequency Allocations. The Board decided that the following categories of the No. **11.31** Finding shall be formulated according to the dates of receipt of the concerned request for coordination or notification notice and the dates of bringing the frequency assignment into use:

- a) the Finding is favourable if, at the date of receipt by the Bureau of the coordination request or notification notice, the frequency allocation concerned is in force;
- b) the Finding is unfavourable if, at the date of receipt by the Bureau of the coordination request or notification notice, the frequency allocation concerned has not yet been adopted by the conference;
- c) the Finding is “qualified favourable” if, at the date of receipt by the Bureau of the coordination request or notification information, the frequency allocation concerned has been adopted by the conference but is not yet in force. This Finding will permit a network subject to coordination procedure under Section II of Article 9 to coordinate its assignments and to be taken into account in the application of No. **9.27**, and for a network not subject to Section II of Article 9 to be processed under No. **11.36**.
- d) the “qualified favourable” Finding will become favourable after the date of coming into force of the frequency allocation and upon confirmation that the date of bringing the frequency assignment into use is actually after the date of entry into force of the subject frequency allocation. Otherwise the finding will become unfavourable.

Except for examination of conformity with the frequency allocation mentioned above, the concerned requests for coordination and notification notices shall be examined under No. **9.36** and with respect to conformity with No. **11.31** and No. **11.32** using the conditions applying to the new or update frequency allocation on the date of entry into force of this allocation as adopted by the WRC (e.g. power limits, coordination criteria...).

Reason: *At its 71st meeting, the Board decided to instruct the BR to develop a draft new ROP for the receivability of filings submitted to the BR before the effective date of entry into force of a frequency allocation after the adoption of a decision of a WRC, based on current practice as outlined in Annex 1 to Document RRB16-1/4 and to be considered for adoption at the Board’s 72nd meeting.*

Effective date of application of this Rule: 28 November 2015.

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Reason: *consequence to the adoption of the Rule of Procedure on the treatment by the Radiocommunication Bureau of requests for coordination under Article 9 or notification under Article 11 of the Radio Regulations submitted to the Bureau as of the first day after a WRC but before the effective date of entry into force of the WRC new or updated frequency allocations.*

Effective date of application of this Rule: 28 November 2015.
