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Circular Letter
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To Administrations of Member States of the ITU*

Subject: Updates regarding the application of Article 4 of the Regional Agreement concerning the use by the broadcasting service of frequencies in the MF bands in Regions 1 and 3 and in the LF bands in Region 1, Geneva, 1975 (GE75)

To the Director General

Dear Sir/Madam,

1 In view of the continued evolution of the methods for electronic distribution, the Bureau is often requested to consider options to improve its current methods regarding the distribution of information to the membership, including the information related to the application of the procedures set forth in the Radio Regulations. Recently, at its 47th meeting (23-27 June 2008), the Radio Regulations Board instructed the Bureau to implement practical arrangements for posting, on the ITU website, the ITU-R Circular Telegrams (CTITU). Requests of a similar nature are addressed to the Bureau regarding the application of other procedures, such as the procedures set forth in various regional agreements, and some of these requests were already implemented (e.g. posting on the BR website of the results of the compatibility assessment in the application of Article 4 of the GE06 Agreements for digital broadcasting assignments and for assignments to other terrestrial primary services).

2 In this connection, the Bureau reviewed its current methods regarding the application of provisions Nos. 3.2.2 and 3.2.3 of Article 4 of the GE75 Regional Agreement. These provisions envisage the distribution of the results of the relevant calculations to the administrations proposing a modification to the GE75 Plan, as well as to the administrations which are considered to be affected. Given the propagation characteristics in this band, and depending on the number of proposed modifications to the Plan, there are situations where the Bureau has to prepare a substantive number of communications. For instance, in the context of the proposed modifications to the GE75 Plan which were included in Special Section GE75/119 (see BR IFIC No. 2622 of 24 June 2008), the Bureau prepared 9 communications to the administrations proposing modifications to the GE75 Plan and 62 communications to the administrations which are considered to be affected. Such voluminous correspondence sometimes results in distributing wrong annexes to a given administration, which requires subsequent corrective action, and which increases the workload of the Bureau and of the administrations.

* *This Circular Letter is primarily addressed to the Member States of Regions 1 and 3. It is for information only for the Member States of Region 2.*

3 With this background, the Bureau informs the administrations of Regions 1 and 3, that, as from the next Special Section in the GE75 series, it will apply the following innovations:

3.1 The Bureau will perform the required calculations, as envisaged in Article 4 of the GE75 Regional Agreement, and will summarize them in two separate documents: one from the view point of the administrations proposing a modification and the other from the view point of the administrations which are considered as being affected. Both documents will be included in the BR IFIC on DVD, which is distributed to all Member States. In addition, the documents will be posted on the BR website <http://www.itu.int/ITU-R/terrestrial/broadcast/publications.html> on the date of the publication of the concerned Special Section.

3.2 The administrations whose proposals for modification of the GE75 Plan appear in the concerned Special Section, will be informed (normally by a telefax message) of the URL where they can see the results of the calculations concerning their proposed modifications.

3.3 The administrations which are concerned as being affected by the proposals for modification of the GE75 Plan which appear in the concerned Special Section, will be informed (normally by a telefax message) of the URL where they can see the results of the calculations concerning the impact of the proposed modifications to the GE75 Plan to their own plan entries. The concerned telefax message will contain other relevant information, such as the deadline for submitting comments with respect to the proposed modifications to the Plan. In addition, these administrations will be informed that, if they so request, the Bureau will provide them with a specific extract from the concerned table in connection with their own plan entries that are considered as being affected.

4 The Bureau hopes that the above arrangements will increase the efficiency in the application of the concerned provisions of the GE75 Agreement and remains at the disposal of your Administration for any clarification you may require with respect to the subjects covered in this Circular Letter.

Yours faithfully,

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