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Circular Letter  
**CR/293**

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## To Administrations of Member States of ITU

**Subject:** Application of Article 12 of the Radio Regulations

- 1) Closing date for receipt of High Frequency Broadcasting schedules for the season A09 (29 March 2009 - 25 October 2009)
- 2) Allocation situation after 29 March 2009.
- 3) Regional coordination meetings, 2009.

### To the Director-General

Dear Sir/Madam

#### **1 Closing date of receipt of HF broadcasting schedules for the season A09**

1.1 In accordance with provision No. 12.31 of the Radio Regulations, I wish to inform you that the Radiocommunication Bureau has set **18 January 2009** as the closing date for the receipt of the HFBC schedules for the season A09.

1.2 In order to issue the first Tentative Schedule (A09T1) and dispatch it to subscribers two months ahead of the implementation date (No. 12.34 of the Radio Regulations), administrations and authorized organisations are urged to send in their tentative schedules

**before the closing date and, if possible, before 14 December 2008.**

1.3 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 12.1); otherwise the requirements will not be accepted by the Bureau.

1.4 Submission of requirements must be **in electronic format only**, and can be submitted to the Bureau using a 3 1/2" computer diskette or can be sent electronically to [brmail@itu.int](mailto:brmail@itu.int) (Resolution 535 (Rev.WRC-03) refers).

1.5 The common electronic file format that shall be used is indicated in **Annex 1**. A description of the fields to be submitted for a requirement and their specifications is given in **Annex 2**. In view of the current constraints of the ITU data processing systems, the information should continue to be provided only in ISO-8859-1 (Latin-1) characters set.

1.6 The foreseen dates of dispatch to subscribers of the CD-ROMs containing the updated schedule are indicated in **Annex 3** together with the dates by which updated schedules need to be received by the Bureau in order to be incorporated.

1.7 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 Allocation situation after 29 March 2009**

2.1 The World Radiocommunication Conference, Geneva 2003 (WRC-03), adopted partial revision of the Radio Regulations and decided that the revised provisions shall enter into force on 30 March 2009.

2.2 The allocation situation in the bands between 6 765 kHz and 8 100 kHz, which is applicable until 29 March 2009 and after 29 March 2009 (i.e. as from 30 March 2009), are summarized in Circular Letter CR/282 of 17 April 2008.

2.3 As from Season A09, the band 7 100–7 200 kHz will no longer be available for HF broadcasting service in any ITU region and will be excluded from the procedure governed by Article 12 of the Radio regulations. On the other hand, the allocation to the HF broadcasting service in the band 7 350–7 450 kHz will become effective on 30 March 2009.

## **3 Regional coordination meetings**

3.1 The Bureau has been informed of an HFCC/ASBU coordination meeting organized by the HFCC/ASBU regional coordination groups established in accordance with Article 12.11. The meeting will take place from 2 to 6 February 2009 in Tunis, Tunisia. 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>

Yours faithfully,

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Director, Radiocommunication Bureau

## **Annexes: 3**

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## Annex 1

### Electronic format of the text file to be used for notification of HF broadcasting

#### Line 1

Item	Format	Start col.	Stop col.	Range	Examples	Note
;	A1	1	1		;	
Season	A3	3	5	Ref. table season.txt	A09	
Notifying organization	A3	7	9	Ref. table admin.txt or Ref. table authoris.txt	AFS or SNT	Administration or Authorized organization
Date sent	A11	11	21	dd-MMM-yyyy format	18-JAN-2009	(in English)

#### then, one line for each requirement:

Item	Format	Start col.	Stop col.	Range	Examples	Note
Frequency/Band (kHz)	I5	1	5	Ref. table Rngfreq.txt	9895 or 6	Frequency in kHz or Band in MHz (6,7, etc.)
Start time (UTC)	I4	7	10	0000-2359	0125	
Stop time (UTC)	I4	12	15	0001-2400	0027	
Target Service Area	A30	17	46	1-85	27, 28SW, 18-20	Caution: Some CIRAF zones are not divided into quadrants: 1-5, 17,19-26, 67,69-75
Station code	A3	48	50	Ref. table Site.txt	SMG	
Power (kW)	I4	52	55	1-5000	250	Caution: for less than 1 kW use 1
Azimuth of Maxim. Radiation	I3	57	63	0 - 359	87	
Antenna Slew Angle	I3	65	67	>=-30, =< +30	-15	
Antenna Code	I3	69	71	Ref. table Antenna.txt	211	
Days of operation	A7	73	79	1-7	56 or 1234567	Sunday=1
Start date	A6	81	86	>= Start date of the season	290309	(29 March 2009)
Stop date	A6	88	93	<= Stop date of the season	251009	(25 October 2009)
Modulation	A1	95	95	D=DSB, T=SSB -6 dB N=Digital.	D	
Antenna design frequency (kHz)	I5	97	101	2000-30000	7200	If blank or zero operating freq. is assumed
Language (o)	A10	103	112	Ref. Table Language.txt	EngFre	
Administration Code	A3	114	116	Ref. table Admin.txt	USA	
Broadcaster Code(r)	A3	118	120	Ref. table Broadcas.txt	TWR	
Frequency Manager Organ. Code (r)	A3	122	124	Ref. table FMOrg.txt	FCC	If blank, identical to Administration code.
Identification (br)	I5	126	130			BR or coordination group generated.
Old data (br)	I1	132	132	1 if no info is received	1	BR generated, output file only.
Alternate. Frequency 1/ Alternate. Band 1 (o)	I5	134	138	Ref. table Rngfreq.txt	6150	Frequency in kHz or band in MHz (6,7, etc.)
Alternate. Frequency 2/ Alternate. Band 2 (o)	I5	140	144	Ref. table Rngfreq.txt	9	Frequency in kHz or band in MHz (6,7, etc.)
Alternate. Frequency 3/ Alternate. Band 3 (o)	I5	146	150	Ref. table Rngfreq.txt	11	Frequency in kHz or band in MHz (6,7, etc.)
Notes (o)	A7	152	158			

(r) Recommended  
(o) Optional  
(br) BR generated

## **Annex 2**

### **Input data to be submitted for a requirement**

#### **Administration Code (3-character string)**

Mandatory, a three-letter administration code in accordance with the ITU's designation. An up-to-date reference list is included with the HFBC software package.

#### **Alternate Frequencies/Bands (5-digit integer)**

Optional. Up to three alternate frequencies/Bands can be notified. If notified, the Bureau will carry out necessary analysis to select the most suitable frequency amongst the indicated frequencies. For SSB operation, the nominal carrier frequency has to be notified.

#### **Antenna Code (up to 3-digit integer)**

Mandatory, a unique code representing transmitting antenna of specific technical parameters.

A list including antenna codes and antenna definitions, based on ITU-R BS 705, is maintained by the Bureau. A new antenna code can be added upon request of administrations or organization authorized to notify. An up-to-date reference list is included with the HF software package.

For new antenna system, please use the code 991 and provide a complete description in a separate file.

#### **Antenna Design Frequency (up to 5-digit integer)**

Mandatory, design frequency will be in kHz, within the range between 2 000 kHz and 30 000 kHz. The use of symbol 0 or blank means that the antenna is designed for the operating frequency.

#### **Antenna slew angle (up to 2-digit integer)**

Antenna slew angle is the difference between the azimuth of maximum radiation and the physical orientation of the antenna. If a slewed antenna is in use, the slew angle must be notified. The value notified must be in the range -30 to 30. Default value is 0.

#### **Azimuth of maximum radiation (up to 3-digit integer)**

Mandatory. If the transmitting antenna is directional, the value for the azimuth of maximum radiation must be notified. This must be in the range 0 to 359 degrees (from True North). If the antenna is non-directional, 0 shall be notified.

#### **Broadcaster Code (3-character string)**

Recommended. An up-to-date reference list containing codes, names and contact information of broadcasting organizations is included with the HFBC software package.

#### **Days of operation (up to 7-character string)**

Mandatory. Each day is indicated by a number where 1 indicates Sunday and 7 indicates Saturday.

**Frequency/Band (5-digit integer)**

Mandatory. The frequency or Band on which this requirement is intended to operate. The value, expressed in kHz shall be an integer multiple of 5 kHz and within the frequency bands below.

For SSB usage, the nominal carrier frequency is to be notified.

<b>Available Bands [kHz]</b>
5 900 - 5 950**
5 950 – 6 200
7 200 – 7 300 *
7 300 – 7 400 **
7 400 – 7 450 *
9 400 - 9 500**
9 500 - 9 900
11 600 - 11 650**
11 650 – 12 050
12 050 – 12 100**
13 570 - 13 600**
13 600 - 13 800
13 800 - 13 870**
15 100 - 15 600
15 600 – 15 800**
17 480 - 17 550**
17 550 - 17 900
18 900 – 19 020**
21 450 - 21 850
25 670 - 26 100

\* Regions 1 and 3 only

\*\* Administrations are encouraged to use these bands to facilitate the introduction of digitally modulated emissions in accordance with the provisions of No. 5.134 and Resolution 517 (Rev. WRC-07).

**Frequency Management Organization (3-character string)**

Recommended. An organization authorized by the Administration to carry out the planning of its broadcast requirements on its behalf.

**Language (10-character string)**

Optional. The field is included to facilitate identification of requirements that may be the sources of interference. An up-to-date reference list (Language.txt) is included with the HFBC software package.

**Modulation (1-character string)**

Mandatory. D for DSB, T for SSB with 6 dB carrier reduction and N for digital DRM system. Any other modulation system which is recommended by the ITU-R for use by HFBC shall be identified by a suitable letter code, to be determined by the Bureau when required.

**Notifying Organization (3-character string)**

Mandatory. An administration or an organization authorized by an administration to notify its broadcast requirements on its behalf. An up-to-date reference list is included with the HFBC software package.

**Site Code (3-character string)**

Mandatory. Unique code representing transmitting site.

A list including site code, site name, its geographical co-ordinates is maintained by the Bureau. A new site can be added upon request of administrations or authorized organizations to notify. An up-to-date reference list is included with the HFBC software package.

For new transmission sites, please use the codes SP1 to SP9, and provide the site name, geographical coordinates and proposed code(s) in a separate file.

**Start Date (6-character string)**

Mandatory. The start date may not be earlier than the start of the schedule period. The start date may not be the same as the stop date for a requirement.

**Start Time (4-digit integer)**

Mandatory. A valid start time for this requirement must be notified using the 24-hour UTC system. The value shall be between 0000 and 2359 included and may not be the same as the Stop Time.

**Stop Date (6-character string)**

Mandatory. The stop date may not be later than the end of the schedule. The stop date may not be the same as the start date for the same requirement.

**Stop Time (4-digit integer)**

Mandatory. A valid stop time for this requirement must be notified using the 24-hour UTC system. The value shall be between 0001 and 2400 included and may not be the same as the Start Time.

**Target Service Area (30-character string)**

Mandatory. A set of CIRAF Zones/Quadrants must be notified representing the target area to be served.

A Zone number on its own may be used or it may be followed by S, SW, etc. to indicate a Quadrant. More than one Zone or Zone/Quadrant may be notified, provided that they are separated by a comma.

The following CIRAF zones are not divided into quadrants: 1-5, 17, 19-26, 67 and 69-75.

Maps showing the CIRAF zones and quadrants are included with the HFBC software package.

**Transmitter power in kW (up to 4-digit integer)**

Mandatory. The power of the transmitter in kW must be notified. The value notified must be an integer in the range 1 to 5000 (kW).

For DSB transmitters the carrier power is to be given; for SSB transmitters the peak envelope power is to be used.

### **Annex 3**

#### **HFBC Schedule on CD-ROM - Season A09 (29 March 2009 – 25 October 2009) List of editions and closing dates for submissions**

<b>Schedule Title</b>	<b>Date of edition</b>	<b>Date limit for submissions</b>
A09 Tentative 1 (A09T1)	End of January 2009	18 January 2009
A09 Tentative 2 (A09T2)	End of February 2009	15 February 2009
A09 Schedule 1 (A09S1)	End of March 2009	15 March 2009
A09 Schedule 2 (A09S2)	End of May 2009	17 May 2009
A09 Schedule 3 (A09S3)	End of July 2009	19 July 2009
A09 Final (A09F)	End of November 2009	15 November 2009

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