



Radiocommunication Bureau (BR)

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To Administrations of Member States of the ITU

Subject: **Preparation of Edition 2013 of the List of Coast Stations and Special Service Stations - List IV**

The Radiocommunication Bureau (BR) is preparing a new edition of the List of Coast Stations and Special Service Stations (List IV). The main objective of this List is to give the most up-to-date information concerning stations that provide distress, urgency and safety related communications in the Global Maritime Distress and Safety System (GMDSS) as well as other communications, as part of the shore-based arrangements to maintain communications with ships.

Therefore, administrations with entries in the current edition of this List (2011), are invited to verify all of their data and notify the Bureau any amendments thereto. In order to facilitate this process, a link to download your stations, as an MS Word format document, has been made available on the ITU MARS website: <http://www.itu.int/go/ITU-R/ListIV/SubmissionOfData> (password required). The relevant amendments should be identified using the “track changes” feature in MS Word format. The file with the updated information should be sent as an attachment to an official electronic message addressed to brmail@itu.int, as soon as possible, but not later than **30 August 2013**.

Furthermore, the Bureau notes that the current Edition (2011) of List IV contains some entries regarding frequencies operating with Morse telegraphy (for example: 500 kHz). The concerned administrations are invited to verify if the usage of these frequencies is still relevant and notify the Bureau accordingly, taking into account that international provisions related to Morse telegraphy were removed from the Radio Regulations (RR) by the World Radiocommunication Conference, Geneva, 2007. In this respect, it is important to note that the frequencies currently used for distress and safety communications for the GMDSS are listed in Appendix 15 to the RR.

Administrations which have not yet notified their coast stations for inclusion in the List, are invited to provide this information using the relevant notification forms. A link to these forms is available on the ITU website: <http://www.itu.int/ITU-R/go/coast-notifications/en>. These forms can also be obtained, upon request, from the Bureau. The notification forms should be submitted as an attachment to an official electronic message addressed to brmail@itu.int, as soon as possible, but not later than **30 August 2013**.

It should also be noted that all changes to the List notified to the ITU between two editions are published as a compilation in PDF format that can be downloaded from: <http://www.itu.int/ITU-R/go/mars/en>.

Finally, in order to ensure that the carriage requirements of the ITU Service Publications (List of Coast Stations and Special Service Stations - List IV, List of Ship Stations and Maritime Mobile Service Identity Assignments - List V, and the Manual for Use by the Maritime Mobile and Maritime Mobile-Satellite Services) specified in Appendix 16 to the RR are respected, administrations are invited to request their responsible maritime authorities to ensure that the most recent and ITU-authenticated versions of these publications are presented during inspections carried out on board vessels.

The Bureau remains at your disposal for any further information and clarification that may be needed in respect to this matter. The contact person is Mr. Mohan DAS, telephone: +41 22 730 5007, fax: +41 22 730 5785, e-mail: brmail@itu.int.

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