

UPDATES to the

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2.2 Frequency assignments to space stations whose suspension is notified for a period of not more than three years will continue to be taken into account for the purposes of the examination of other assignments in accordance with Nos. **9.36**, **11.31.1**, **11.32**, **11.32A** and **11.33** until the time that the consultation concerning their resumption of use is completed (see § 2.4 below).

2.3 Frequency assignments to space stations whose suspension is notified for a period of more than three years will not be taken into account for the purpose of examinations of other assignments under Nos. **9.36**, **11.31.1**, **11.32** and **11.32A**, and **11.33** as of the date of such notification or after confirmation from the administration of the period of suspension exceeding three years and shall be cancelled.

2.4 *Consultation concerning resumption of use of an assignment*

At the expiry of the period of suspension of the use of a frequency assignment, the notifying administration is consulted as to the date of resumption of use. According to the results of the consultation, the Bureau will apply the following procedures:

2.4.1 When the administration informs that the use has been resumed at the originally indicated date (not later than three years after the date of suspension) or before, this information is published in PART II-S of the BR IFIC and/or posted on the webpage as appropriate. Where the resumption of frequency assignments pertains to a GSO satellite network, the Bureau will publish the resumption in PART II-S of the BR IFIC only when the notifying administration confirms the deployment and maintenance of the GSO satellite network in accordance with the provision No. **11.49.1**.

2.4.2 When the administration notifies that the use will be resumed at a date later than three years after the date of suspension, these assignments shall be cancelled according to the provision No. **11.49**. For those assignments for which the use would be resumed later than the 3-year period, the administration responsible for the assignment shall apply again the relevant procedure of Article **9**. (MOD RRB12/61)

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(ADD RRB14/67)

This provision instructs the Bureau to periodically review the Master Register (MIFR) with the aim of maintaining or improving its accuracy, with particular emphasis on the review of the findings so as to adjust them to the changing allocation situation after each World Radiocommunication Conference. Concerning the latter part of this provision "...with particular emphasis on...", given a large variety of possible changes in allocation situations and the considerable number of fields used for storing finding information in the MIFR, the Board concluded that the most appropriate way of providing instructions to the Bureau concerning the review of findings would be to determine the main elements for such a review. The Board therefore decided that, in reviewing the findings under No. **11.50**, the following main principles shall be applied, unless otherwise decided by the Conference:

1. When new or modified regulatory provisions enter into force, the findings of the recorded assignments concerned shall be revised and updated by the Bureau with a view to reflecting their compliance with the modified regulatory provisions/allocations.

2. Prior to any action, the Bureau shall contact each notifying administration concerned about the review of findings of the assignments concerned and provide information concerning the possible courses of action, which shall be based on the principles specified in items 3 to 6 below. If no reply is received before the deadline established by the Bureau (normally 30 days from the date of the Bureau's communication), the Bureau shall send a reminder. If no reply is received within 30 days after the date of the reminder, the Bureau shall implement the proposed course of action.

3. When a change to Article 5 results in abrogation of an allocation to a radiocommunication service, the recorded assignment concerned should be suppressed from the Master Register. If the notifying administration requests to retain the assignment and states that it will be operated in accordance with No. 4.4, the assignment shall be kept in the MIFR for information purposes under the conditions of No. 8.5.

4. When a change to Article 5 results in downgrading of the category of allocation and the downgraded allocation is not subject to any additional conditions, or when the recorded assignment meets all the additional conditions to which the downgraded allocation is subject, the status of the recorded assignment concerned shall be downgraded accordingly and the assignment shall be retained in the Master Register, unless the notifying administration requests its suppression.

When the downgraded allocation is subject to additional conditions and the conditions related to the regulatory examination under No. 11.31 (e.g. power limits, restrictions to national operation, requirements for agreement under No. 9.21, separation distances, etc.) are not met, the Bureau shall propose the deletion of the assignment to the notifying administration, or that its characteristics be modified to comply with the new conditions. If the administration requests to retain the assignment with its characteristics unchanged and states that it will be operated in accordance with No. 4.4, the assignment shall be kept in the MIFR for information purposes under the conditions of No. 8.5.

Concerning the application of the relevant coordination procedures, the Bureau shall propose to the notifying administration to suppress or to resubmit the assignment for the application of these procedures. Concerning examination under No. 11.32, the recorded assignment, with its characteristics unchanged, shall be considered as having successfully completed, as of the date of its original recording in the MIFR, the applicable coordination procedures in respect of the services allocated with equal rights.

5. When a change to Article 5 results in the allocation to a new service or upgrade of the category of an existing service, the Bureau shall draw the notifying administration's attention to the recorded assignment concerned, which previously had a lower status or was recorded under the conditions of No. 4.4, and propose to the administration that it submit a new assignment to replace the previous one. The relevant coordination procedures shall apply to the newly submitted assignment and no particular priority shall be given to it in this process. The status of the assignment should be upgraded only if all relevant provisions of the Radio Regulations have been applied.

6. When a change to Article 5 results in the modification of the conditions of an allocation without modification of the category of allocation (e.g. additional regulatory/technical restrictions or new/modified coordination procedures), then the original findings of the recorded assignment concerned may be kept only subject to conformity with the new conditions. In such a case, the Bureau shall ask the notifying administration whether the characteristics of the assignment will be modified to comply with the new conditions. If the notifying administration does not respond to the Bureau's inquiry (see item 2 above) or if the conditions are not met, the Bureau shall propose the deletion of the assignment to the notifying administration. If the administration requests to retain the assignment with its characteristics unchanged and states that it will be operated in accordance with No. 4.4, the assignment shall be kept in the MIFR for information purposes under the conditions of No. 8.5.

Concerning examination of frequency assignments with respect to their conformity with a world or regional plan under No. 11.34, when the conditions of the applicable plan are changed, the original findings of the recorded assignment may be kept only subject to conformity with the new conditions. If the conditions are not met, the corresponding assignment may be retained in the MIFR with unfavourable finding under No. 11.34.

7. The Board noted that Article 5 contains a number of provisions under which an allocation to a radiocommunication service is subject to obtaining the agreement of the administrations concerned, e.g. Nos. 5.175, 5.188, etc., without referring to No. 9.21. Obtaining such agreement is not regulated by either the procedures of Article 9 or the Rules of Procedure and is to be resolved directly between the administrations concerned. Furthermore, when examining the relevant frequency assignment notices, the Bureau does not verify such agreements. In the above context, the Board decided that in the case of a review of findings of the relevant assignments, the Bureau shall not take into account the presence or absence of agreements of other administrations when formulating new findings.

8. After completion of the review of findings, the frequency assignments concerned together with the modified findings shall be published in relevant Parts of the BR IFIC, and an Information Note shall be included in the BR IFIC, drawing the attention of administrations to the review of findings and explaining the reasons for and content of the review.
