



Radiocommunication Bureau (BR)

Circular Letter
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To Administrations Party to the GE06 Agreement¹

Subject: **GE06 Regional Agreement – end of the Transition Period**

By Administrative Circular CR/375 of 19 December 2014, the Radiocommunication Bureau (BR) informed administrations about the end, on 17 June 2015, of the first phase of the *Transition period* to digital television for all administrations-parties to the Regional Agreement, Geneva, 2006 (GE06), except the countries listed in § 12.6 of the GE06 Agreement, for the band 174 - 230 MHz.

The purpose of this Circular Letter is to inform your Administration that the second phase of the *Transition period* for the thirty-four countries listed in footnote 7 to § 12.6, for the band 174 - 230 MHz, **ended on 17 June 2020 at 0001 hours UTC**.

Consequently, the GE06 *Transition period* intended to facilitate the migration from analogue to digital television, that started on 17 June 2006, has now concluded. As a result, the analogue Plan (GE06A) does not exist anymore.

According to the GE06 Agreement, the following actions have been undertaken by BR:

- All assignments previously recorded into the GE06A plan have been suppressed, in application of § 12.6 of the GE06 Agreement;
- The GE06A fragment has been removed from BR's software (TerRaSys and eBCD);
- The analogue television assignments, subject to the GE06 Agreement, recorded in the Master International Frequency Register (MIFR) have been retained in the MIFR, except those that administrations requested to suppress. Such retained assignments can operate only under the conditions of not causing unacceptable interference to, and not claiming protection from, any assignments in conformity with the GE06 Agreement;
- BR also kept unchanged in the MIFR those analogue assignments, which are using digital entries in the GE06 Plan and recorded under the provision 5.1.3 of Article 5 of the Agreement.

After the end of the *Transition period*, frequency assignments to analogue television stations are no longer protected from the stations operating in conformity with the GE06 Agreement. However, administrations may continue to use analogue stations as follows:

¹ This Circular Letter is primarily addressed to the ITU Member States of Region 1 (except Mongolia) and to the Islamic Republic of Iran. It is for information only for other ITU Member States outside the planning area of the GE06 Agreement.

- under provision 5.1.3 of the Agreement under the envelope of a recorded digital plan entry in GE06D Plan. If such notified analogue assignment receives favourable findings, it will be recorded in the MIFR with the same protection as the digital plan entry;
- on a non-interference and non-protection basis with respect to the administrations-parties to the GE06 Agreement. Coordination of analogue television stations with neighbouring administrations is strongly recommended to ensure their interference-free operation.

The Radiocommunication Bureau remains at the disposal of your Administration for any clarification you may require.

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