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To Administrations of Member States of the ITU

Subject: Application of Article 12 of the Radio Regulations:

- 1) Closing dates for receipt of high frequency broadcasting schedules for Season A24 (31 March 2024 – 27 October 2024) and Season B24 (27 October 2024 – 30 March 2025)**
- 2) Regional coordination meetings, 2024/2025**
- 3) International Radio for Disaster Relief (IRDR)**
- 4) New eHFBC online publication and tools**

1 Closing dates for receipt of HF broadcasting schedules for the next seasons

In accordance with provision No. **12.31** of the Radio Regulations (RR), I wish to inform you that the Radiocommunication Bureau has set the closing dates for receipt of the HFBC schedules for the next seasons, as indicated in Tables 1 and 2 of the Annex 1 to this Circular.

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 No. **12.1** of the RR); otherwise, the requirements will not be accepted by the Bureau.

Requirements must be **in electronic format only**, and submitted via WISFAT (<https://www.itu.int/en/ITU-R/terrestrial/tpr/Pages/Submission.aspx>), the web interface for submission of frequency assignments/ allotments (terrestrial services) in accordance with Circular Letters [CR/297](#) and [CR/308](#).

A document describing the **file format for submission of HFBC requirements**, in accordance with Article **12** of the RR, is available for download from the webpage: <https://www.itu.int/ITU-R/eTerrestrial/eBroadcasting/eHFBC#/about> (in the Notification section).

The foreseen dates of the online publications containing the updated schedules are indicated in the Annex 1, together with the dates by which updated schedules need to be received by the Bureau in order to be incorporated.

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 Regional coordination meetings

Information of the upcoming meetings of regional coordination groups can be found on the webpage <https://www.itu.int/ITU-R/eTerrestrial/eBroadcasting/eHFBC#/about>.

In this respect, your attention is drawn to the importance of participating in the regional coordination groups, which facilitate bilateral and multilateral coordination among administrations and broadcasters of various regions within the framework of Article **12** of the RR.

Therefore, the Bureau encourages your Administration to continue participating in such coordination meetings that prove to be an efficient mechanism in resolving overlapping HFBC requirements of different countries and thus ensures compatible operation of high frequency broadcasting stations.

For additional information, please contact the regional coordination groups:

- Arab States Broadcasting Union (ASBU): <https://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>

The Bureau remains at the disposal of your Administration for any clarification you may require with respect to the subject covered in this Circular Letter. For any assistance, please contact BRMAIL@itu.int.

3 International Radio for Disaster Relief (IRDR).

In accordance with Recommendation ITU-R BS.2107-1 defining the International Radio for Disaster Relief (IRDR) frequencies that may be used for High Frequency (HF) emergency broadcasts, the Bureau recommends that the IRDR frequencies listed in Annex 2 to this Circular be reserved for 24 hours per day, 365 days per year for emergency broadcasts in the High Frequency (HF) bands.

4 New eHFBC online publication and tools

The HFBC schedules and compatibility analysis results are free of charge online publications which have been integrated now in the eTerrestrial portal and are available at <https://www.itu.int/ITU-R/eTerrestrial/eBroadcasting/eHFBC/> (see Circular Letter [CR/432](#)).

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Annex 1

**Table 1: List of schedules and closing dates for submissions
HFBC Schedule – A24 (31 March 2024 – 27 October 2024):**

| | Schedule title | Date of publication | Date limit for submissions |
|-----|-------------------------|----------------------------|------------------------------------|
| 1.1 | A24 Tentative 1 (A24T1) | End of January 2024 | 14 January 2024 7 January 2024* |
| 1.2 | A24 Tentative 2 (A24T2) | End of February 2024 | 18 February 2024 |
| 1.3 | A24 Schedule 1 (A24S1) | End of March 2024 | 17 March 2024 |
| 1.4 | A24 Schedule 2 (A24S2) | End of May 2024 | 19 May 2024 |
| 1.5 | A24 Schedule 3 (A24S3) | End of July 2024 | 21 July 2024 |
| 1.6 | A24 Final (A24F) | End of November 2024 | 24 November 2024 |

**Table 2: List of schedules and closing dates for submissions
HFBC Schedule – B24 (27 October 2024 – 30 March 2025)**

| | Schedule title | Date of publication | Date limit for submissions |
|-----|-------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| 1.1 | B24 Tentative 1 (B24T1) | End of August 2024 | 18 August 2024 11 August 2024* |
| 1.2 | B24 Tentative 2 (B24T2) | End of September 2024 | 15 September 2024 |
| 1.3 | B24 Schedule 1 (B24S1) | End of October 2024 | 20 October 2024 |
| 1.4 | B24 Schedule 2 (B24S2) | End of December 2024 | 8 December 2024 |
| 1.5 | B24 Final (B24F) | End of April 2025 | 20 April 2025 |

*In order to issue the first tentative schedules (A24T1/B24T1) and publish it two months ahead of the implementation date (No. 12.34 of the RR), administrations and authorized organizations are urged to send their tentative schedules one week **before the closing dates**.

Annex 2

IRDR frequencies for emergency broadcasts in the High Frequency (HF) bands

| Band (MHz) | IRDR frequency (kHz) ¹ |
|------------|-----------------------------------|
| 6 | 5 910 |
| 7 | 7 400 |
| 9 | 9 430 |
| 11 | 11 840 |
| 13 | 13 620 |
| 15 | 15 650 |
| 17 | 17 500 |
| 19 | 18 950 |
| 21 | 21 840 |
| 26 | 26 010 |

¹ The frequency channel adjacent to these frequencies should also be clear (± 5 kHz).