

ARTICLE III

Modification Procedure

3.1 When an Administration proposes to modify the Plan i.e.:

- to change the characteristics of a frequency assignment to a station shown in the Plan, whether or not the station has been brought into use, or
- to introduce a new assignment into the Plan, or
- to bring into use a new station, or
- to cancel a frequency assignment to a station,

the following procedure shall be applied simultaneously with or prior to the notification to the IFRB for modification to the Rio de Janeiro Plan.

3.2 *Proposals for changes in the characteristics of an assignment, for the introduction of a new assignment or for the bringing into use of a new station.*

3.2.1 An Administration proposing to change the characteristics of an assignment in the Plan, introduce a new assignment or bring into use a new station shall seek the agreement of the other Administration.

3.2.2 Any assignment in conformity with the Agreement shall be considered as adversely affected when appropriate calculations based on Annex 2 indicate that objectionable interference would occur as a result of a proposed modification to the Plan. In the event that a proposed modification to the Plan by one Administration is adversely affected by a proposed modification from the other Administration, the proposal bearing the earlier notified transmittal date shall prevail, unless it is found to cause objectionable interference to other assignments in the Plan.

3.2.3 If an affected Administration considers that a proposed modification is acceptable, it shall signify its agreement as soon as possible to the other Administration and shall inform the IFRB accordingly. If an affected Administration considers that a proposed modification to the Plan is unacceptable, it shall communicate its reasons to the notifying Administration within 60 days from the date of notification. If no comment has been received within that 60 day period, the notifying Administration may proceed with its assignment and advise the IFRB that the agreement of the other Administration has been obtained.

3.2.4 The agreement referred to in section 3.2.1 is not required for a proposed change in the characteristics of an assignment in conformity with the Agreement if it entails no increase in the radiated field strength in any direction and, if a change in the site of the station is involved, this change is limited to the greater of 3 km or 5% of the distance to the nearest point on the border of the other country up to a maximum of 10 km. The distance is calculated from the site first registered in the Plan or subsequently registered in the Plan as a result of the application of the provisions of section 3.2. In any event, such site change shall not result in a ground-wave contour overlap prohibited under section 4.10.4.2 of Annex 2 to the Agreement.