

6.4.3 Since actual ground conductivities over specific paths may vary from the values indicated in the ground conductivity maps included in Appendix 1 to Annex 2, interference may be experienced even if the station causing the interference is operating in accordance with notified parameters. In such circumstances, except as noted in section 6.3, no action will be required as long as the station can demonstrate that it is operating as authorized. However, each Administration shall endeavor, in cooperation with the other, to mitigate such interference.

ARTICLE VII

Extended Hours of Operation

7.1 *Scope.* "Extended hours of operation" refers to the operation of AM radio broadcasting stations during nighttime hours which occur between 6:00 am and two hours past sunset local time, with protection requirements determined in accordance with Appendix 7 to Annex 2. Operation during this period shall be with daytime or nighttime facilities adjusted as necessary to meet the requirements of this Article.

7.2 Protection

7.2.1 During extended hours of operation, a station shall provide protection to each co-channel station in the other country in accordance with the method described in Appendix 7 to Annex 2.

7.2.2 A station authorized for extended hours of operation shall not receive protection for that operation.

7.2.3 In applying section 7.2.1, the hours of sunrise and sunset for each month shall be determined as of the 15th day of each month and adjusted to the nearest quarter-hour.

7.2.4 Power radiated during extended hours of operation shall not exceed the highest power that provides the required protection.

7.2.5 Notified nighttime operation has priority over extended hours of operation. Thus, the power used during extended hours of operation shall be adjusted downward as necessary to provide requisite protection to duly notified and accepted nighttime assignments, whenever they may be notified.

7.3 *Notification.* Proposed extended hours of operation by stations meeting the requirements of this Article are deemed to be acceptable. Each such proposal shall be notified in accordance with Articles III and IV. The notification shall include the exact operating characteristics of each station proposing extended hours of operation.