

- 4.3 The Administrations will exchange the most up-to-date official texts of national laws, regulations, rules, administrative provisions, policies and licensing procedures related to the Covered Services at the time of signature of this Protocol, and on June 1 of every year thereafter.
5. Nothing in this Protocol shall be construed to permit interim or permanent limits on the number of:
  - 5.1 MSS satellites licensed by either Party, which may transmit to, from, and/or within the territory of either Party pursuant to this Protocol and the Agreement;
  - 5.2 Persons granted a Licence or authorization in Canada to transmit and/or receive Covered Services via Satellite, including Licences for Fixed Earth Stations, licensed by either Party; and
  - 5.3 Persons granted a Licence in Mexico to transmit and/or receive the Covered Service via Satellites, including Licences for Fixed Earth Stations, licensed by either Party (including Licences for transmission to, or for commercialization of signals coming from, such Satellite).
6. The Parties acknowledge that there may be special circumstances where it would be in the interests of both countries not to preclude their respective Satellites from providing assistance to one another. One such case would be the provision of support and assistance, subject to the availability of facilities and to the extent it is technically feasible, in the case of a catastrophic failure of either system or during any period of temporary shortage of adequate Satellite facilities.
7. Each Administration shall permit Covered Services signals to be transmitted directly to and received from Earth Stations through Satellites licensed by either Party without requiring that such signals be retransmitted over an intermediary Satellite System.
8. Each Administration shall ensure that Earth Stations licensed by such Administration for the provision of Covered Services are able to interconnect to such Party's public switched telecommunications network and/or other networks under non-discriminatory, transparent and cost-oriented terms at any technically feasible point in the network.
9. Communications involving signals of Covered Services to or from third countries through satellites licensed by either Party are permitted under this Protocol. Transmission or reception of such signals to or from third countries shall be subject to each Party's applicable laws, regulations, rules, administrative provisions, policies and licensing procedures, applied in a non-discriminatory and transparent manner, regardless of which Party licensed the relevant Satellite.