Coordination Agreement in the band 470 MHz – 694 MHz between the administrations of France and Belgium

This Agreement is an application of the "DTT frequency plan in the band 470 – 694 MHz" of the 29th of April 2016 between the Administrations of Belgium, France, Germany, Ireland, Luxembourg, Netherlands and United Kingdom and details the French and Belgian coordinated Digital Terrestrial Television (DTT) plans inside the zone as defined in Annex 1.

This Agreement facilitates the mutual clearance of the terrestrial broadcasting services from the 694 MHz – 790 MHz band ("700 MHz band").

It specifies frequency plan in channel maps as illustrated in Annex 2 and the bilaterally agreed compatibility criteria and restrictions for entries as listed in Annex 3.

The technical characteristics of the assignments are described in Annex 4.

The technical characteristics of the allotments are described in Annex 5.

In some cases the interfering field strengths refer to an allotment shape in Annex 6.

The administrations agree:

1. That this Agreement defines the agreed broadcasting rights in terms of assignments and allotments between the administrations of France and Belgium in the band 470-694 MHz in the zone defined in annex 1.

2. That this Agreement can only be revised or abrogated with the agreement of all the signatories.

3. To modify, add or delete their entries in the GE06 Plan according to this Agreement and its associated annexes in accordance with procedures in Article 4 of the GE06 Agreement.

4. That coordination should normally be agreed for any assignment or allotment outside the zone defined in Annex 1.

5. That, where there is a difference between the technical parameters described in the Annexes 4 to 6 and the conditions in Annex 3, the conditions described in Annex 3 have priority.

6. That for situations in Annex 3 where the term "excluding" is not mentioned in the conditions imposed, the complete implementation of an allotment for one Administration will not produce a cumulative interfering field strength on the allotment of the other Administration 0.5 dB higher than the maximum between:
a. The cumulative field strength of all the assignments subject to the conditions mentioned in annex 3 where the term excluding is not mentioned defined in this Agreement as implementing the allotment.
b. The field strength of the allotment if mentioned in annex 3 and otherwise the cumulative field strength of the reference network of the allotment.

7. That for situations in Annex 3 where the term “excluding” is mentioned in the conditions imposed, the conditions for both the allotment and the assignments where the term “excluding” is mentioned have to be fulfilled independently.

8. That the conditions of field strength values have to be verified using ITU-R P 1546, 1% time, mixed path, at 10m as described in Chapters 2 and 3 of the Annex 2 of the GE06 Agreement.

9. That the power sum methodology will be used to calculate the cumulative field strength.

10. That the allotment BELDVBCF302 and the assignments BELDVBCF302-001 and BELDVBCF302-002 on channel 36 will be switched on in respect of the conditions of this Agreement only if all the other channels allowed in this area for the French Community are already in use.

11. That the administrations will inform each other about any switch on of assignments after the transition period, in accordance with this Agreement, 2 months in advance.

12. That where the coordination agreements necessary for the successful completion of the corresponding GE06 Plan modification have not been obtained, both parties agree to cooperate to identify and implement mutually satisfactory solutions.

13. About transition:
   - The transition period will end on the 1st July 2019.
   - At the end of the transition period, DTT assignments, using the 470-694 MHz band, technical characteristics shall be brought within conformity with this Agreement.
   - Before the end of the transition period technical characteristics of DTT assignments as described in the GE06 Plan or in the “Coordination Agreement in the band 470-790 MHz between the Administrations of France and Belgium” Agreement or with the final agreed parameters as described in Annexes 3 to 5 could be brought in operation and will be protected.
   - Both Administrations will formally agree the assignment migration dates.

14. That from the 1st of July 2020, the entries in the band 470-694 MHz listed in the GE06 Plan and in the “Coordination Agreement in the band 470-790 MHz between the Administrations of France and Belgium” Agreement signed in November 2012, not mentioned in this Agreement, are abrogated.

This Agreement enters into force at the date of the last signature.
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Date: 7/5/2018
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Annex 1 – Defined zone

The defined zone is illustrated in blue.
Annex 2 – Channel maps