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INTERNATIONAL BUREAU ANNOUNCES NEW AND IMPROVED FILING MODULES
WITHIN ITS MYIBFS ELECTRONIC FILING SYSTEM:
SURRENDER OF AUTHORIZATION AND IMPROVED SPACE STATION MILESTONE FILING

The International Bureau is launching an e-filing module for surrendering authorizations and an improved milestone filing module for satellite space stations within its MyIBFS consolidated licensing and electronic filing system.

The “Surrender” module will allow licensees to surrender licenses through the MyIBFS interface. As a result, surrender requests will receive immediate action, including dismissal of any pending applications related to the license, which will be quicker than is currently possible when licensees file paper surrender requests with the Commission’s Secretary’s Office. In addition, this module will improve the integrity of the data in our filing system and allow our customers to manage their licenses to ensure those no longer required are surrendered in a timely manner.

The enhanced milestone interface will improve the filing experience for satellite space station licensees as they file milestone certifications, supporting documents and bonds electronically - as required by our rules and their authorizations. (OMB No. 3060-1007) Licensees will also be able to check the status of their milestone filings online. At this time, confidential documents may not be filed through the IBFS system. Licensees submitting confidential documents should continue to do so through the paper filing process. At the same time, licensees should file the request for confidential treatment and a redacted version of their milestone documents through the milestone filing.

All filings made pursuant to Part 25 of the Commission’s Rules are required to be submitted electronically. (OMB No. 3060-0678) In 2004, the Bureau issued a Declaratory Order affirming this and noting that it would release public notices announcing the effective date of electronic filing for various types of filings as IBFS incorporated this functionality.¹ Therefore, use of the Surrender and Milestone modules will be mandatory for licensees under Part 25 of the Commission’s rules beginning [30 days from the date of this PN]. The Surrender Module is available for all other IBFS users on a voluntary basis. At a later date, the International Bureau will announce its mandatory use for all International Bureau customers.

¹ Declaratory Order, 19 FCC Rcd. 19564 (2004).

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