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| **Purpose/Objective:** The purpose of this document is to provide a new ITU-R recommendation to describe the technical characteristics of VHF digital voice communications technology for use in Appendix 18 of the Radio Regulations. | |
| **Abstract:** This proposed new ITU-R recommendation describes the technical characteristics of digital voice communications to be used in the VHF maritime mobile band RR Appendix 18. It should be by design, such that it does not access the channels used for the GMDSS, AIS, VDES, and safety communications. It should also be by design, compatible with legacy voice communications. | |