



International Amateur Union – Region 1

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Permanent HF Committee

To: members of IARU R1 HF Committee, members of IARU R1 Executive Committee, the Chairman of R1 VHF/UHF/MW Committee, the President of IARU and the secretary of IARU.

First of all my best wishes for a happy and healthy 2004 to all of you !

56.1 Interim meeting in Friedrichshafen

The next interim meeting of the IARU Region 1 HF Committee will be held in Friedrichshafen after Hamradio. The meeting will start on Sunday afternoon 27 June and will end on Monday evening 28 June 2004. More details concerning the place and schedule will be given later as DARC is looking for a nice, not too expensive hotel. Therefore, please confirm as soon as possible (**not later than 30 January 2004**) your participation to this meeting at ON7LX.

All contributions for this meeting shall arrive at ON7LX by e-mail or paper mail not later than 1 March 2004. The contributions and the draft meeting agenda will be distributed to all member societies before 15 March 2004.

56.2 Bandplan Working Group

Attached you find an excel sheet which is the result of the work of the working group on the new Bandplan.

56.3 From the RSGB HF Manager – 15th December 2003

Following the deletion of the Morse requirement from Article 25 of the Radio Regulations and the decision by the UK Radiocommunications Agency to drop the prerequisite for access to the HF bands, there has been a large increase of UK amateurs using these bands.

As a result of the successful outcome of the IARU effort at WRC-03 an additional 100 kHz at 7 MHz will be made available to the amateur service in 2009. The RSGB however has already made an application to the Radiocommunications Agency to gain early access to 7,100 – 7,200 kHz on a secondary (non-interference) basis.

Based on the fact that the majority of broadcasters in this section of the band is located either in the Eastern part of Europe, or outside of Europe and have target audiences outside of Europe, it is anticipated that interference will not be a major problem.

Initial progress through the Radiocommunications Agency has been good but the work carried out by this agency will be taken over by the new OFCOM (Office of Communications) on the 29th December 2003. This means that some delay may be encountered before any decision is made. Realistically it is anticipated that we could be looking well into 2004 before this happens.

In the meantime we look to our sister Societies in Region 1 and especially those within CEPT to talk to their administrations and apply for early access using similar arguments. Those Societies already considering this are invited to liaise with the RSGB, through the Region 1 HF Manager, to establish common ground and where possible a common date for access to this valuable block of frequencies. A minimum of two other National Societies is required to progress this further.

73, Colin J. Thomas, G3PSM
HF Manager & Spectrum Forum Chairman

56.4 New 40 m bandplan in Croatia

According to the document "Regulations on amateur radio communications", Croatian Ministry of transportation, maritime affairs and telecommunications have released new 40m band plan for radio amateurs (together with 70 MHz and 3400 MHz). The new Regulations will be effective on 26th December 2003.

The rules for 40m band are as follows:

Frequency: =20

7.000 - 7.100 MHz , State Pex

7.100 - 7.200 MHz , State S

Power: 1000 PEP

Bandplaning: According to the IARU R1 Bandplan

56.5 News from the societies

E-mail reaction on the article on freebanding from SARL:

I cannot speak on behalf of all the Councillors of the South African Radio League, but from a personal point of view, and being on Council, I deplore the way in which Amateur Radio equipment is being used and promoted to foster the use of dedicated amateur bands for those who do not conform to the norm of doing it the right way.

By condoning the use of Freebanding, the very existence and camaraderie among long standing amateurs, is being compromised and abused.

Kind regards

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