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Contest-free sections in all HF contests

INTRODUCTION

The objective of the Cavtat recommendations CT08_C4_Rec_15 and CT08_C4_Rec_16 is to leave parts of each HF band free of contest activity.

BACKGROUND

Although the WARC bands are free of contests, they cannot serve the need of non-contesters in all circumstances (due to propagation, skip etc).

The objective of contest preferred segments established in the band plan in the mid-eighties is to separate non-contest activity from contest activity.

As the band plans are recommendations only and some bands do not have contest preferred segments, contest organizers should be encouraged to include band sections to be used within the rules of the contest. This should be made with due consideration of the number of participants expected in the contest.

KEY POINT and PROPOSAL

Separation of contesters and non-contesters by obligatory contest sections on all bands helps to balance the interests of both groups. It is proposed to encourage publishing contest operating segments clearly in the rules by approving Vienna Interim Meeting recommendation VIE10_C4_04.

RECOMMENDATION

That the HF Committee encourage member societies to publish contest operating segments clearly in the rules of the contest and that those segments are considered with due respect to the IARU band plans.