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INTRODUCTION

With the latest techniques a Multi Operator / Single Transmitter Station can simultaneously listen to several frequencies even on the same band and also transmit there as long as only one transmitter is on the air.

BACKGROUND

Some contesters specialized in Multi OP / Single TX operation make use of these techniques and are using two or even three alternating run frequencies on the same band at the same time. Modern equipment offers the possibility to listen on several frequencies even if a transmitting signal is on the same band, while interlocking circuits prevent simultaneous transmission of the second or third operator as required by the rules.

KEY POINT and PROPOSAL

With the high demand of channels during contests this technique reduces the available operating space considerably giving well equipped (high power) stations an undue advantage and contributes to congestions in the contest sections. Therefore such operating violates the rules of fair sportsmanship and should not be allowed.

RECOMMENDATION (VIE10_C4_03)

That within the 'Guidelines for HF Contests chapter of the IARU Region 1 HF Manager's Handbook, the category MOST is reworded: 'MOST – Multi Operator Single Transmitter'. A MOST station is a multi-operator station transmitting no more than one signal on not more than one running frequency on a band at any time.