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The formation and use of amateur call signs is subject to the stipulations of the Radio Regulations (RR), and laid down in detail in the respective national rules governing the amateur radio service.

OVSV is aware of the following legally admissible extensions, to be separated from the call sign by a slash (/):

Call / m	in words: "mobile", for mobile operation,
Call / p	in words: "portable", for operation in a location that is not listed in the
license	document,
Call / a	in words: "alternative", for operation in an alternative location,
Call / am	in words: "air mobile", for operation on board an aircraft (under Austrian law, this also includes parachutes),
Call / mm	in words: "maritime mobile", for operation on board of an ocean-going vessel (i.e. on the high seas).

Moreover, if a guest license is used, the country prefix of the host country is added to the call sign, except for operations under the CEPT regulations.

National radio authorities may also permit the use of extensions on special occasions and for a limited time (e.g. OE5KE /500 on the occasion of the 500th anniversary of the city of Linz).

Amateur radio operators also use the following extensions, for which, as far we know in ÖVSV, there is no legal basis, neither on an international nor on a national level:

Call / qrp	in words: "qrp", for low-power operation,
Call / LH	in words: "lighthouse", for operation for operation from a lighthouse, although this could be mistaken for a guest license in Norway.

ÖVSV therefore proposes that IARU, after consultation with R2 and R3, request ITU to legalize such extensions, or that IARU member societies request the legalization of such extensions on a national basis.

On top of that, the Conference is requested to consider applications for further call sign extensions as required.