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Introduction

The World Radiocommunications Conference, Geneva in 2003, reformed parts of the Radio Regulations by adding provisions to encourage amateurs to provide emergency communications.

The IARU policy in the approach to this conference was to seek the simplification of the Regulations, removing those no longer necessary and the updating of provisions to reflect modern attitudes and activities.

This proposal seeks to update the HF Managers Handbook and Region 1 bandplans to reflect the spirit of the WRC-03 reforms and the IARU policy which obtained them.

Background

Chapter 5.2 of the HF Managers Handbook contains the following Conference Recommendation 1.9.1.6, from the IARU Region 1 Conference at Brighton in 1981, under the section headed 'Emergency Work' :-

"It is recommended that we should NOT press for spot frequencies on HF bands but would use a code word or a Q-code to indicate the presence of emergency traffic; the code word/Q-code yet to be designated."

(Brighton 1981 - 1.9.1.6)

This Proposal relates to the first part of this statement (in underlined italics). The remainder of the recommendation has been superseded by Chapter 8.3, Paragraph 2 of the HF Manager's Handbook, the Emergency Communications section of which was approved at Cefalu (Cefalu 1984 - 1.9.1.7)

In the light of emergency communications activity since 1981, the lack of 'Centres of Activity' for emergency communications work is now proving a hindrance to Emergency Communications groups within the region in the development of networks for national and international message handling.

Recommendation

IT IS PROPOSED THAT Recommendation 1.9.1.6, Brighton 1981 is suppressed.