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a) Introduction

In the light of the recent Tsunami-disaster at the end of 2004, we discovered that there's not a explicit policy in Region 1 how to use HF frequencies in a national or international case of emergency.

b) Background

Austria (OeVSV) and Germany (DARC) have defined frequencies for emergency traffic in the HF-bands together with rules (when and how to use them). USKA defined the same frequencies as Austria on a free base.

c) Key points and proposals

USKA proposes the following HF frequencies for emergency use in region 1:

160 m 1,873 MHz (LSB)
80 m 3,643 MHz (LSB)
40 m 7,085 MHz (LSB)
30 m 10,138 MHz (USB)
20 m 14,180 MHz (USB)

USKA proposes further that adequate rules for the use of these frequencies will be defined. A proposal of rules will be delivered later by USKA.

d) Recommendations

USKA recommends that the Final plenary endorses:

1. The HF-frequencies 1,873 MHz, 3,643 MHz, 7,085 MHz, 10,138 MHz and 14,180 MHz are fixed as emergency frequencies in Region 1.
2. The application rules (proposed by USKA) are binding.
3. The MS are invited to see to it that their members respect and use the emergency traffic on HF as decided in Davos, Sept. 2005.