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## Introduction

Operating Practice has been a subject of discussion and Region 1 policy for many years. Unfortunately, many of the recommendations have proved ineffective or not been carried out. It is proposed that the recommendations be simplified by deleting some and strengthening others.

## Background

The main contribution to the Operating Practice debate was the “Ethics and Operating Procedures for Radio Amateurs” that is covered by Cavtat 2008 CT-8\_C3\_Rec\_44. The earlier De Haan 1993 – C4.5 presumably precedes this recommendation and should have been suppressed.

There is little evidence that the recommendation in Lillehammer 1999 - REC/99/LH/C4.7) to “to take action against stations practising deliberate and malicious interference on the Amateur Radio Bands” has been implemented and it needs highlighting.

Since Cavtat, Randy Johnson, W6SJ, a member of the First Class CW Operators Club (FOC), proposed the DX Code of Conduct in the March 2010 issue of QST. It was subsequently adopted on behalf of FOC by its President, Bob Whelan, G3PJT who sent a letter to the IARU AC for its October 2010 meeting. The AC responded: “The Council applauds the efforts of this group of amateur radio operators who have taken the initiative to improve on-the-air operating practices in support of AC Resolution 08-1.”

Many are now working on the second stage of the project, which is to look at the behaviour of DXpedition operations and how this could be improved in order to address the undesirable behaviours in the DX pile-ups.

## Recommendation

In respect of deliberate interference that

- De Haan 1993 – C4.5, is suppressed as much of the material is covered in Cavtat 2008 CT-8\_C3\_Rec\_44 or in the HF Manager’s Handbook
- IARU Region 1 endorses the “DX Code of Conduct” and urges its member societies to publicise and recommend it to their members.