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SUBJECT	Procedure for organising IARU Region 1 V/UHF/Microwave contests		
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Introduction

The current procedures for preparing and adjudicating of VHF/UHF/MW contests were established in Scheveningen (1972), when there were no PC in use, and only paper logs could be used and checked with handiwork. Now, most stations are equipped with PC, has connection to the Internet and there is some software for electronic checking of digital logs. It is time to make a progressive modification of the adjudicating procedure.

Background

The procedure used until now is described in VHF Managers Handbook page IIIa.A1 and it establish two-stage checking of the logs:

- by national VHF Managers or properly nominated Contest Committee, which verifies only national (paper) logs and send them to Organizing Society;

- The Organizing Society judges the VHF/UHF/Microwave contest according to the Rules based on general rules for Region 1 145MHz September contest (IIIb).

Now, most stations prepare logs in digital EDI REG1TEST form.

According to [III a.A1 – C, D] of the VHF Managers Handbook, the National VHF Managers shall examine national logs, comparing them only with others national logs, as they do not have foreign logs. If the logs are in digital form, they must print these logs on paper and make corrections with red pencil. They cannot make a correction directly in the digital logs. Next, they must send these printed paper logs to the Organizing Society, which must convert them back to digital form, and then, together with other digital logs, put in the "Adjudicating Machine" with the "cross checking software". Such procedure is now illogical.

Propositions

1. Contest adjudication should be made on the software REG1TEST adjudication base.
2. The e-logs should be send directly to the Organizing Society via e-mail, or on CD/diskette.
3. The e-logs should omit National VHF Managers.
4. The paper logs, and digital logs which are not in REG1TEST (EDI) format shall be converted, within the framework of assistance, through National VHF Managers to REG1TEST (EDI) format, and then send (e-mail) to the Organizing Society.

Such procedure will simplify and shorten the time necessary for the final contest adjudication. The national Managers should encourage to use digital logs, and in necessary case help to use them, and in extreme cases send them to the Organizing Society.