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1 Abstract

This report summarizes the activity of the Regulatory Affairs Coordinator since the IARU Region 1 General Conference of September 2014. The work included three main topics:

- Revision of Recommendation TR 61-01 (CEPT Amateur Radio Licence) and ECC Recommendation (05)06 (CEPT Novice Licence) to simplify the process for non CEPT countries wishing to join the framework of TR 61-01 and/or ECC Recommendation (05)06
- Amendment of CEPT recommendation TR 61-02 and ERC Report 32 to include questions on operating and social responsibility of the operator in the examination syllabus for the HAREC and CEPT Novice Licence respectively.
- New ECC recommendation (14)05 on licence examinations of persons with disabilities.

2 Revision of TR 61/01 and ECC (05)06: «Statement of Conformity»

The recommendations TR 61/01 and ECC (05)06 provide the framework for easy, unbureaucratic short term international Amateur Radio operation since 1985 (TR 61/01) and 2005 ((05)06). As of today, 51 administrations have implemented TR 61-01 and 27 administrations ECC (05)06.

Joining the framework of TR 61-01 and ECC (05)06 is not restricted to CEPT member countries. The recommendations provide for a mechanism for non CEPT countries to also implement the recommendations. A number of countries (among them Canada, USA, South Africa, Australia and New Zealand) have done so.

IARU Region 1 and the European Communications Office ECO in 2015 and 2016 worked together closely on a revision of the two recommendations to facilitate and simplify the process of joining TR 61-01 and ECC (05)06 by non CEPT countries. Based on a draft by EC member Dave Court (EI3IO), the revision introduces the concept of a «Statement of Conformity» (SoC). A non CEPT administration wishing to join TR 61-01 or ECC (05)06 has to confirm in an official SoC that its Amateur Radio licence conforms with the operator competence required by the Harmonised Amateur Radio Examination Certificate (HAREC) or its equivalent for the Novice Licence. The responsibility to ensure conformity of licence requirements thus shifted from ECO to the administration wishing to join TR 61-01 or ECC (05)06.

The two revised and amended recommendations were approved by the Working Group Frequency Management WGFM, the CEPT body tasked with Amateur Radio matters, at its meeting in May 2016 in Helsinki and thus came into force.

3 Examination Syllabus for HAREC and CEPT Novice licence

Recommendations TR 61-02 and ERC Report 32 contain the syllabus for the HAREC licence and the CEPT Novice licence respectively. Since its inception, the HAREC syllabus contained two chapter headings named «Social Responsibility of Amateur Radio Operations» and «Operation procedures» without any additional information on these topics.

Based on the official IARU document «Ethics and Operating Procedures for the Radio Amateur» by John Devoldere (ON4UN) and Mark Demeuleneere (ON4WW) IARU Region 1 proposed to amend the syllabus accordingly. After an intensive discussion with administrations the WGFM approved the introduction of six subheadings into the HAREC syllabus which detail the topics to be included in the examination. A slightly modified and condensed version was approved by WGFM for the syllabus for the CEPT Novice licence.

4. ECC(14)05 Licence examination of persons with disabilities

On 10 October 2014, the European Communication Commission (ECC) approved a new Recommendation 14(05) on Amateur Radio Licence Examinations for Persons with Disabilities. Based on a draft by the IARU Region 1 Regulatory Affairs Coordinator the recommendation provides an open framework for administrations «to define and introduce practices facilitating the access of persons with disabilities to licence examinations for the amateur radio service». ECC (14)05 recognises «the importance of amateur radio as an instrument of self-training and integration of disabled persons into society».

5. Other topics

In close cooperation with EC member Dave Court (EI3IO) who represents IARU Region 1 in WGFM, the Regulatory Affairs Coordinator worked on several other topics, among them:

- **Non CEPT countries and TR 61-01 and TR 61-02.** Japan joined the framework of the HAREC licence. No progress was possible regarding the implementation of TR 61-01 by Japan for short term visits. Several provisions of the Japanese telecommunications law (required prenotification, licence fee, etc.) are not compatible with the basic idea and the wording of TR 61-01. With Canada, a full reciprocity between the CEPT licence and the applicable Canadian licence could be re-established.
- **Remote operations:** CEPT/ECO in agreement with IARU Region 1 clarified in the Amateur Radio FAQs on its website that the provisions of TR 61-01 do not cover transnational remote operations. In the FAQ, it is stated that the physical presence of the operator in the country visited is required and that «nowhere in T/R 61-01 is remote operation mentioned or text included which suggests such operation is permitted».

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