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1. Introduction

This paper proposes a harmonisation of amateur frequency bands used by Novice licenced stations in mainly European countries.

2. Background

At the IARU Region 1 General Conference 2011 in Sun City, Committee C4 considered paper SC11_C4_11 on the harmonisation of amateur frequency bands used by Novice licences. It was decided that this paper should not be forwarded to the Final Plenary.

At this moment, there are a number of mainly European countries where Novice licences are available.

Within these countries there are major differences in frequency use and transmitter power for Novice licenced amateurs.

Because of the international character of the amateur service, these differences are undesirable. Harmonization on this point is still highly recommended.

3. Keypoints and proposal

It is proposed to harmonize the Novice licences within CEPT countries e.g. by adding an annex to ECC recommendation ECC/REC/(05)06.

VERON proposes to start a process to harmonise the use of frequencies and power by Novice licences, with the objective to equalize the differences within European countries. This will lead to more activity and will reduce the use of non-Novice frequencies by Novice stations. Novice stations will be able to make more contacts in major contests, and improve their operating skills.

4. Recommendation

It is recommended:

- that the Final Plenary is invited to endorse the view of VERON, and to decide accordingly.
- that IARU-Region 1 investigates in which European countries Novice licences are available.

- that the differences with respect to e.g. frequency use and transmit power shall be determined.
- that IARU-Region 1 proposes an amendment to ECC recommendation on CEPT Novice Radio Amateur Licence, ECC/REC/(05)06, to eliminate these differences as much as possible.
- that CEPT implements this amendment in ECC/REC/(05)06.