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1. Introduction

Remote Operation refers to two-way communications between individual licensed amateur-radio operators where part of the communications between the operators is hosted, or relayed, by any electronic communications network (external to the station), wired or unwired, or using spectrum not allocated to the amateur service, to the extent that no communications between the operators would be possible without such network.

2. Background

It is evident that remote operation, while both legitimate (with certain restrictions) and increasingly popular, differs from two-way contacts which depend only on amateur-band RF. Amateur-radio QSOs are, by their nature, independent of other electronic communications networks. It is this independence that renders radio amateurs uniquely qualified to assist in times of emergency.

3. Key Points and Proposal

Remote operation differs from the traditional style of amateur radio operation, even though no differences may be observable by listeners or by those amateurs being worked.

Certain issues about remote-control operation were dealt with at the Varna Conference in 2014 in Recommendation VA14_C4_REC_04, as follows:

That the following text be published in the VHF and HF Managers Handbook:

Remote Controlled Operation

Remote controlled operation is defined to mean operation where a licensed operator controls an amateur radio station from a remote-control terminal.

Where a station is operated remotely, the following conditions shall apply:

- 1. Remote operation must be permitted, or not objected to, by the Regulatory Authority of the country where the station is located.*
- 2. The callsign to be used should be the callsign issued by the Regulatory Authority of the country in which the station is located. This applies irrespective of the location of the operator.*
- 3. It should be noted that Recommendation SC11_C4_07 states that member societies bring to their member's attention that the T/R 6101 agreement only applies to people using their own callsign, with the appropriate country prefix, when the operator*

is actually visiting that country, not for remote operation.

4. *Any further requirements regarding the participation of remotely controlled stations in contests or award programmes are a matter for the various contest or award programme organisers.*

4. Recommendations

1. Paragraph 4 of Recommendation VA14_C4_REC_04 above be deleted and the following substituted –

“4. Member societies should not accept remote contacts on the same terms as non-remote entrants for contesting or other operating awards.”
2. Recommendation VA14_C4_REC_04, as amended, should be forwarded to Regions 2 and 3 of IARU, proposing adoption by those Regions.