



SUBJECT	Acceptance of remote controlled VUSHF stations		
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Following discussions during the most recent open Nordic VHSHF meetings and at the IARU, Region 1, C5 working Group meeting in Vienna, 2007, we find it important to define and accept the future use of remote operated stations in IARU, Region 1.

More and more stations - on all amateur bands - now have the capability to operate a remote controlled station from home, - or the home station from a remote location. We therefore need to redefine the definition for a contest station in the IARU, Region 1 contests. The definition will become a model for the rules in the sub-regional contests etc.!

In the Nordic contests (Sub-regional and NAC) we have for some years now accepted remote operated stations in the relevant contest classes if:

“No more than one transmitter may be in use at any one time. All the equipment of the station (transmitters, receivers and antennas, etc) must be located within a single circle of no greater than 500 metres diameter.

A participating station must operate from the same location throughout the event.”

(Similar to the IARU, Region 1, definition except for the operator - who now is allowed to be parted from the equipment of the station!)

An interesting aspect of remote operation is: The operator of a remote station is capable of operating two or more remote stations simultaneously!

As parts of the exchanged information must be unknown to the counterpart in a QSO, we felt it necessary to state in the contest rules that:

“A remote operator cannot work any other station that he/she is operating!”

(“The dual brain criteria” - It takes two brains to exchange unknown information!)

In order to accept the use of remote operated VUSHF stations we propose the IARU, Region 1, C5 committee to implement similar rules to the above in the general VHF/UHF/Microwave contest rules.