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### Introduction

In recent years the 70MHz band has seen successful growth in national allocations, spurred by the introduction of European Common Allocation Footnote EU9 which has assisted requests by National Societies.

This growth in usage has often been on restricted allocations rather than the full 70-70.5MHz range making band planning more complex. In 2011 Sun City the band plan was revised but has left a number of areas that need further consideration

### Proposals

**Beacons** – The expansion of the beacons section at Sun City has resulted in a disproportionately large proportion of the band being designated for their use. It is proposed that beacons should continue to be coordinated towards the bottom of the allocation to utilise the spectrum efficiently, and thus forestall a future re-planning exercise.

**70.25MHz** – MS Calling is currently designated at 70.25 – overlapping both the narrow and wider bandwidth all-modes boundary. This is clearly anomalous. In practice most MS schedules or random operation is announced on ON4KST, and the activity occurs lower in the band particularly where a common allocation exists between countries. As the national allocations are not completely harmonised yet, it is suggested to delete the 70.25 MS designation.

**EU9:** The footnote wording was slightly updated following comments by IARU-R1 to CEPT. The handbook should be updated accordingly

**Reference:** A major resource is at [www.70MHz.org](http://www.70MHz.org). It is worth noting that some regulators have been known to refer to the allocations chart on that website. Given its significance, it should be added as a reference to the 70MHz section of the VHF Handbook

### Recommendation

For discussion and updates to the VHF Handbook, based on the above.