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Summary

This Recommendation provides a VERON proposal for an SSB/CW contest in the 70 MHz frequency band. It provides the relevant information with respect to rules, time planning and duration.

The IARU-R1 VHF/UHF/Microwave Committee (Vienna 2013),

considering

- a) that within IARU-Region 1 in more than 40 DXCC countries the 70 MHz frequency band has been allocated to the amateur service;
- b) that the number of countries where the amateur service has access to the 70 MHz frequency band is growing;
- c) that it is desirable that the use of the 70 MHz band shall be encouraged and the activity on this frequency band is increased;
- d) that during the third weekend of June the IARU 50 MHz contest is organized;
- e) that during the first weekend of July the harmonized national VHF-UHF contests are planned,

recognizing

- a) that during the summer season there is a high probability of sporadic-E propagation, allowing long distance communication on 70 MHz;
- b) that the month of June is preferred for a 70 MHz SSB/CW contest;
- c) that, to ensure concentration of activity, a 70 MHz contest must take place in a weekend separate from other VHF contests in the same period;
- d) that the rules for the existing official IARU-Region 1 VHF contests, set out in the VHF Managers Handbook, can be applied to a 70 MHz contest,

recommends

1. that member societies encourage the use of the 70 MHz frequency band;
2. that every year an IARU-Region 1 70 MHz SSB/CW contest shall be organized during the first full weekend of June;
3. that this contest shall run for 24 hours from 14:00 to 14:00 UTC;
4. that the rules for this contest shall be mentioned in the VHF Managers Handbook;
5. that the chairman of the VHF/UHF/Microwave committee shall be invited to update the VHF Managers Handbook,

requests the Chairman of the VHF/UHF/Microwave Committee
to bring this Recommendation to the attention of the 2014 IARU-Region 1 General Conference, V