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## Introduction

In order to support ATV technical development and contest activity, a change of date is proposed

## **Background**

At the IARU Region 1 Conference in Noordwijkerhout (1987) an IARU Region 1 ATV contest to be held during the second weekend of September was added to the contest schedule.

Unfortunately, this date always clashes with the International Broadcasting Conference (IBC) held every year in Amsterdam on the second weekend of September. This means a significant number of potential participants, who are also employed in the professional broadcast and media industry, are unable to participate in the contest.

In considering an alternative date there is a further consideration. Due to the use of common equipment, particularly for DATV, experience in the UK has shown that when ATV contests are combined with narrow band microwave contests, activity in the ATV section increases.

## **Proposal**

It is recommended that the date of this contest is amended such that it in runs in parallel with the IARU Region 1 Microwave Contest on the first weekend in October.