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## 1. Introduction

During our Interim meeting in Vienna there were 2 recommendations to reorganize the VHF Managers Handbook:

[VIE16\\_C5\\_Rec\\_02:](#)

*To Update the VHF Handbook as per proposal C5\_40. The chairman will also prepare a new template/model of the handbook who will consider the actual matters without the loss of historical data. (see also point 8.2). In the meanwhile the actual handbook (7.x) will be the reference.*

[VIE16\\_C5\\_Rec\\_25:](#)

*The C5 chairman to review the VHF Managers Handbook and prepare a document for GC 2017 in accordance with all relevant Recommendations of VIE16\_C5.*

The result of this work can be found on: **see ANNEX VHF Handbook version 0.02**

## 2. Background

The actual VHF managers Handbook is a collection of recommendations and conclusions from different Conferences, more or less orderly. This makes it hard to read and to understand. We need to find out who is interested in this handbook and defining the goal of it. Not only the VHF manager are use this Handbook, but also:

- Amateurs who want to know more about Band planning, procedures, contest rules,...
- VHF managers, Member Societies

These are our primary customers. As secondary customers, we have:

- Regulators,
- manufactures,
- software developers,
- ...

So, the new VHF-Handbook is separated in 4 different parts:

- **PART 1 General Information:** the goal audience for this part are all users of our spectrum and what they need to know about band planning, contesting and operating practice. Especially for those countries who have no national band plans.
- **PART 2 Technical references:** contains technical information for developers, technical guidelines and details about research.

- **PART 3 Information for VHF managers:** is meant for all readers (VHF managers and Member societies who want to know more about the organisation and the working of IARU Region 1 VHF committee.
- **PART 4 Historical data:** contains historical data, to keep track about the evolution of this VHF handbook. Everything that will be deleted in the future will move to this part of the handbook.
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The content of this Handbook is identical with the VHF managers Handbook 7.51. Nothing is deleted or changed; it is just ordered in another way.

### 3. Key points and proposal

The rearrangement of the handbook shows, that it is a collection of different, discontinuous documents. This makes it very difficult to read and to understand.

The VHF-Handbook should be a general guideline, with the most common sense. The rest can be “regulated” by the national societies if they want. If there is nothing else, this handbook is the guide line for all users.

The task of the VHF-Manager is to translate the most suitable parts of the general rules into “national adaptations”, in line with IARU (Region 1) so far as possible.

Seen those changes the “**VHF Manager’s Handbook**” will become the “**IARU Region 1 VHF Handbook**”.

### 4. Recommendations

The General conference agrees the reorganisation of the actual VHF Manager’s Handbook (version 7.51) into the new VHF handbook who contains 4 parts:

- PART 1 General Information
- PART 2 Technical references
- PART 3 Information for VHF managers
- PART 4 Historical data

This VHF handbook should be the general guideline. Member societies can make national adaptations, in line with this handbook so far as possible.