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In Varna 2014, two new categories were introduced for 144 MHz and 435 MHz IARU Region 1 contests, namely the MO6H and SO6H (Multi Op and Single Op 6 Hours). The intention was to increase the number of participants by creating a “low-effort” category. We can see good acceptance of the new category from SO operators – this was expected. Split of the number of 6H stations in last two years is indicating that 6H category is primarily a SO category.

Year	SO6H	MO6H
2015	87	8
2016	154	27

It is believed that the 6-hour operating time is so short that achieved result does not depend on the number of operators. This new category was proposed by ARI based on their long-term experience in national contests, where the number of operators is not regulated. Long term experience with 6H category in Italy showed that it has significantly increased the number of participants.

It is proposed to join the SO6H and MO6H category into a single 6H category where the number of operators is not regulated.