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In Noordwijkerhout 1987 the decision was brought that 3,4 GHz results will not be taken into account when determining the overall winners of the sections in the October IARU Region 1 UHF/Microwaves contest. Background of this decision was low availability of this band for amateur service throughout IARU Region 1.

European Communications Office Frequency Information System (ECO EFIS <http://www.efis.dk/>) shows that in many (20) European countries 3 400 – 3 410 MHz frequency band is dedicated to the amateur service as a secondary service.

It is believed that amateur activity in contests is the culmination of development and preparation of radio equipment and antennas. Recognizing the 3,4 GHz results in the overall winners in the October IARU Region 1 UHF/Microwaves contest may increase the number of active stations. This in turn will serve as a proof to the National regulators that this band is important for amateur service.

It is proposed to include 3,4 GHz band to IARU Region 1 UHF/Microwaves contest and content of paragraph “5.3.12 Awards” of IARU Region 1 VHF Managers Handbook needs to be updated.