

EUROPEAN COMMON PROPOSALS

Part 7

Agenda Item 1.7

AMATEUR SERVICES

Sub-Part 7A - Agenda item 1.7.1 – Amateur services

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ARTICLE 25

Amateur services

Section I – Amateur service

SUP EUR/1.7/1

25.1 § 1

Reasons: it is the sovereign right of each Member State to regulate its telecommunications. If an administration chooses to prohibit international communications, it should be the concern of the administration to enforce this rule and not a general obligation .

MOD EUR/1.7/2

25.2 § 2 1) Transmissions between amateur stations of different countries shall be limited to communications conforming to amateur service activities as defined in No. 1.56 and to remarks of a personal character.

Reasons: simplification of the Radio Regulations and shortening the text of No. 25.2, which defines the content of amateur communications.

ADD EUR/1.7/3

25.2.A 2) Transmissions between amateur stations shall not be encoded for the purpose of obscuring their meaning, except with the authority of the relevant administration granted to meet a particular operational need.

Reasons: simplification of the Radio Regulations and clarification of the wording that messages should be in principle in conformity with amateur activities as defined in No. 1.56, exceptional cases excluded .

MOD EUR/1.7/4

25.3 2) Amateur stations may be used for transmitting international communications on behalf of third parties only in case of emergencies or disaster situations.

Reasons: clarification and specific indication when third party communications are allowed.

MOD EUR/1.7/5

25.4 3) The preceding provision may be modified by administrations of the countries concerned.

Reasons: allowing administrations to divert from provision No. 25.3 to satisfy national requirements via special arrangements with other administrations.

MOD EUR/1.7/6

25.5 § 3 1) Administrations shall determine whether or not a person seeking a licence to operate an amateur station shall prove that he is able to send and receive correctly texts in Morse code signals.

Reasons: Tasking Administrations to determine whether or not the maintaining of the Morse code skill in the amateur services on a national level.

MOD EUR/1.7/7

25.6 2) Administrations shall verify the operational and technical qualifications of any person wishing to operate an amateur station.

Reasons: simplification of the Radio Regulations.

SUP EUR/1.7/8

25.7 § 4

Reasons: Simplification of the Radio Regulations and a redundant provision. See No. 15.2, which provides that "Transmitting stations shall radiate only as much power as is necessary to ensure a satisfactory service".

SUP EUR/1.7/9

25.8 § 5 1)

Reasons: simplification of the Radio Regulations and a redundant provision. The text reiterates concepts included generically in the Radio Regulations and applicable to all radio services.

NOC EUR/1.7/10

25.9

ADD EUR/1.7/11

25.9.A Administrations are advised to take the necessary steps to allow amateur stations to prepare for and meet communication needs in the event of a disaster.

Reasons: Recognition of the value of amateur communications during disaster situations

Section II – Amateur-satellite service

NOC EUR/1.7/12

25.10 § 6

MOD EUR/1.7/13

25.11 § 7 Administrations authorizing space stations in the amateur-satellite service shall ensure that sufficient earth command stations are established before launch to guarantee that any harmful interference caused by emissions from a station in the amateur-satellite service can be terminated immediately (see No. [22.1](#)).

Reasons: simplification of the Radio Regulations.

Sub-Part 7B - Agenda item 1.7.2 – Identification of stations

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ARTICLE 19

Identification of stations

NOC EUR/1.7/14

19.1 – 19.44

Section III – Formation of call signs

NOC EUR/1.7/15

19.45 – 19.48

SUP EUR/1.7/16

19.49 c)

Reasons: At the present time, some countries cannot have amateur call signs because of the restriction imposed by No. 19.49 when the letters O or I are used as the last character of the national identifier. Modes of radio communication in current use in the amateur services are such that there is no difficulty distinguishing between the numbers 0 and 1, and the letters O and I respectively.

Suppression of No. 19.49 c) would remove the restriction for some identifiers, thus adding more flexibility for administrations, especially those unable to have amateur call signs at present.

NOC EUR/1.7/17

19.50 – 19.66

NOC EUR/1.7/18

19.67 *Amateur and experimental stations*

MOD EUR/1.7/19

19.68 § 30 1)

- one character (see No. **19.50.1**) and a single digit (other than 0 or 1), followed by a group of not more than four characters, the last of which shall be a letter, *or*
- two characters and a single digit (other than 0 or 1), followed by a group of not more than four characters, the last of which shall be a letter.

Reasons: No. 19.68 in its present form limits amateur and experimental call-sign suffixes to "a group of not more than three letters" This restriction places a limit on the number of possible call-sign combinations and their formulation and prohibits the use of certain combinations for special events.

It is therefore proposed to revise the present Article in such a way that more flexibility is allowed for administrations to issue call signs.

Such a change would considerably expand the number of possible call-sign combinations and provide administrations with increased flexibility without creating conflict with the call-sign formats specified for stations in other services.

NOC EUR/1.7/20

19.69 2)

ADD EUR/1.7/21

19.69A 3) In special occasions for temporary use administrations may waive the requirement of the call sign containing not more than four trailing characters.

Reasons: providing additional flexibility for administrations .

NOC EUR/1.7/22

19.70 – 19.71

Section IV – Identification of stations using radiotelephony

MOD EUR/1.7/23

19.72 § 32 Stations using radiotelephony shall be identified as indicated in Nos. **19.73** to **19.82A**.

Reasons: completion of the Radio Regulations

NOC EUR/1.7/24

19.73 – 19.82

ADD EUR/1.7/25

19.82A § 35A 1) Amateur stations and experimental stations

- a call sign (see No. 19.68).

Reason: completion of the Radio Regulations

Sub- PART 7C - Agenda item 1.7.3 - Review of the terms and definitions of Article 1 to the extent required as a consequence of changes made in Article 25

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ARTICLE 1

Terms and definitions

NOC EUR/1.7.3/26

1.56

NOC EUR/1.7.3/27

1.57

Reasons: studies conducted to date have not indicated the need for any consequential changes to Article 1.