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Introduction:

In the frequency bands assigned to the amateur service, the coordination of the activities is an essential mission of the IARU, recognized by the ITU, from which ensure the band plans which define the recommendations of the various parameters of usage (mode, bandwidth, spacing of channels, ...) allowing every amateur radio station to bring successful his experiment without mutual interferences with the other stations.

The band plans and the recommendations being connected with it are the only competence of the radio amateurs who have the knowledge of the diverse practised experiments. This allows within the framework of an international dialogue IARU, necessary to confront the points of view to fit out the band plans to introduce new applications.

Observation:

Recent examples show the necessity of specifying the fields of expertise of the actors occurring in the world radio amateur, to avoid a disastrous management of the frequencies which are assigned to us.

First example:

The German administration claims (under pretext of neutrality) better to manage the attributions of frequencies for repeaters stations that the DARC, by arguing that the DARC would not be capable of managing the problem of the fact that there is DARC and ANTI-DARC...

We were informed about this fact by the instruction of a file of project of relay VHF (145 MHz) in Alsace (France).

The German administration (BnetzA) contacted by the French persons in charge of the project, who had information indicating them that it was necessary to contact directly the BNetzA for the choice of a frequency, defined a channel without consulting even the French coordination (Relais and Beacons committee of the REF).

The fact that the German administration wants to manage the frequencies of amateur radio relays, even in the dela of its borders is unacceptable. THIS IS NOT OF ITS COMPETENCE.

According to the exchanges that the committee relays and beacons of the REF with

the DARC, we know that the coordinator of the DARC does not moreover agree with it.

But for the moment there is no legal obligation for the German radio amateurs to be supposed to be by BnetzA for the coordination of the frequencies.

The coordination of the relay plan and the technical characteristics relating to it are a part of the amateur radio experiment and cannot be managed, consequently, by an administration. Only the radio amateurs have COMPETENCE TO MAKE IT!

In this first example, for this relay, F5ZCQ, to Wissembourg, the choice of the channel R5 (RV58) indicated by the BNetzA is inadequate, because in Europe this channel is reserved for relays in big carried such the relai of Geneva, HB9G, and thus the relai in local coverage, as F5ZCQ, has to make nothing on this channel.

The committee relays and beacons of the REF, not to create incident and dash into difficult discussions, in in a pragmatic way, studied the file. That due to its situation the relai should not, generally (standard propagation), disturb relays before in use on this channel, the committee relay and beacons of the REF confirmed the choice...

But, if the German administration had not been implied in this affair, we would have doubtless avoided the use of this channel...

This shows us the incompetence of the administration in this domain, because she can only make a coordination on a purely technical base by using professional software allowing to apply a plan of coordination based on calculations of predictions of radio coverage (similar to Radio-mobile, known well by the radio amateurs). But this is not enough for a coordination of amateur radio repeaters, which has to take into account agreements between persons in charge of the pre-existent stations which were the object of previous agreements enter committees relay national within the framework of a coordination radio amateur international and also, the knowledge real of the working ranges of these repeaters stations in the various conditions of propagation.

Second example:

In Italy, radio amateur's association, unaffiliated in the ARI, deposited to the administration a file of request of call for a relai, on the channel R10. The channel R10 output frequency on 145,850 MHz as deleted for more than twenty five years by the IARU VHF bandplan.

The administration in given the authorization and the call. Result: the persons in charge of this relay which emits in the SATELLITE BAND, think of being " in the right to make it " because they have " an authorization " of their administration!!! In fact, they did not understand (or pretend not to understand) that only the allocation of the call is within the competence of the administration and that for the choice of the frequency it is within the competence of the organization a radio amateur in agreement with the IARU recommendations.

This second example shows that it is urgent to clarify things by defining clearly the

competences.

Certain things are within the competence of the administrations and the others are to be managed by the radio amateurs within the framework of their experiment.

Both domains of competences cannot be mixed under risk of an inadequate management of the problems.

These recent examples " of excessive allocation " show in a evident way the inadequacy to resolve the problem by an administrative management and prove, on the terrain, the incompetence of the administrations in this domain.

Recommendation:

The management of the radio amateur band planning and the assignments of frequencies within the framework of the radio amateur activities is not of the field of expertise of the administrations and they have no justifiable right to remove to the radio amateurs this activity which is entirely a part of the amateur radio experiment.

Note, please, sense of the term incompetence in this document. This is not an attack face-to-face person who work in said administrations, with regard to their professional competence which are in question by no means. It indeed is about the incompetence of the administration of managing a question which is not of its competence domain and does not have to, consequently, not be in its attributions.

Complementary observation:

In some countries, the national associations representing the IARU believed to make by asking to the legislator to include the plans of band IARU in the national regulations.

In fact, it is a very bad practice, because it lets think to the state employees of the administrations that he can manage the allocation of the frequencies in stations relays and beacons, because they "just have" to read the law and to apply it...

Of more this practice delete the freedom to experiment new modes which in certain cases require to break the plans IARU, because in that case these radio amateurs, who practise the first activity of our hobby which is the experiment, are "outlawed".

The application of the directives of THE IARU has to be base on a natural authority ensuing from the relevance of its recommendations and resolutions, but not on a constraint by legal obligation.