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Introduction

Following the departure of the Broadcast stations in the segment 7100 – 7200kHz at end-2008 the additional allocation needs to be planned. It was agreed at the last Conference that this subject should be considered at this Conference.

Background

It was suggested at the Interim Conference in February 2007 that the matter could be discussed on the Region 1 HF Manager's Reflector and then summarised and brought to Conference by the Conference's Band Plan Working Group. Despite efforts to initiate discussion little has taken place in the run-up to the submission date for Conference papers. The RSGB has therefore carried out its own discussions with the various user groups that have interest in 40m within the UK and developed its own proposals for Conference to consider.

The proposal takes account of

- a) The note in the current 40m Region 1 Band Plan that states that the 200 and 500Hz segments below 7100kHz will be extended in the 2009 revision of the Band Plan.
- b) DARC and others interest in setting a contest-free segment by proposing two Contest Preferred Segments, being the normal wording in the Band Plan
- c) OeVSV's concern that narrow-band aerials would suggest a preference for contest free-segments away from band-edges by suggesting DX, rather than contest preference areas near to the band edges.
- d) NRRL's reference to US licence class changes that would suggest a Contest Preferred Segment close to the upper band-edge.

Recommendation

That Conference recommends the following be adopted with effect from 1 Jan 2009:

Frequency (kHz)	Max Bandwidth (Hz)	Preferred Mode and Usage
7000 – 7045	200	CW, Priority for inter-continental telegraphy operation, 7030kHz CW QRP Centre of Activity, 7000 – 7029 Contest Preferred Segment (note 1)
7045 – 7053	500	All Narrow-band modes, digimodes
7053 – 7057	500	All Narrow-band modes, digimode, automatically controlled data stations (unattended)
7057 – 7063	2700	All modes, digimode, automatically controlled data stations (unattended)
7063 – 7200	2700	All Modes, Emergency Centre of Activity 7070kHz, SSB QRP Centre of Activity 7090kHz, Image mode Centre of Activity 7165kHz, Priority for inter-continental (SSB) operation 7175 – 7200kHz, SSB Contest Preferred Segment 7080 – 7200 (note 2)

Notes

- 1 7000 – 7005kHz only to be used where there is an international nature to the contest.
- 2 7175 – 7200kHz only to be used if there is an international nature to the contest.