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### Contest-free sections in all HF contests

#### Introduction

The objective of the Cavtat recommendations CT08\_C4\_Rec\_15 and CT08\_C4\_Rec\_16 is to leave parts of each HF band free of contest activity.

#### Background

Although the WARC bands are free of contests, they cannot serve in all circumstances the need of non-contesters (due to propagation, skip etc).

The objective of contest preferred segments, established in the band plan in the mid-eighties, is to separate non-contest activity from contest activity.

As the band plans are recommendations only, and some bands do not have contest preferred segments, contest organizers should be encouraged to include band sections to be used within the rules of the contest. This should be made with due consideration to the number of expected participants in the contest.

DARC would like to see a detailed summary of the IARU Region 1 contests rules and start an exchange of experiences concerning this proposal.

#### Recommendation

That the HF Committee is analyzing the current situation.