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## 1. Background

Several HF bands have been allocated by the ITU to the amateur service.

All parts of a transmission by amateurs are expected to be completely within these frequency bands.

It has been realised on a few occasions that in the heat of a contest with a very high number of participants some operators didn't comply fully - or even at all - with this ITU requirement.

## 2. Situation

There are two negative issues involved with out-of-band transmissions:

1. The operator has an advantage over the other participants by having less QRM at the band edges.
2. The reputation of the amateur service is at high risk.

The latter is the most important issue since administrations expect the ITU radio regulation to be fully respected.

Not all administrations do have a monitoring service, so in the context of self-management of the amateur service it is desirable that actions are to be taken to prevent any out-of-band operation during contests in future.

## 3. Key point and proposal

To prevent any out-of-band operation by contesters the contest rules shall clearly warn against this misuse by threat of disqualification.

An example for such warning can be found in the rules of the CQ WW 160 m Contest:

<http://cq160.com/rules.htm>

## 4. Recommendation

It is recommended that all contest rules clearly forbid any out-of-band operation. A violation of this request shall lead to disqualification.