

2019 Band Plans

In this edition of *RadCom* are the 2019 Band Plans. This year's update is fairly unusual in having the fewest changes in some time. This is a consequence of 2018 having no IARU Region 1 meetings. Changes that may get discussed at IARU-Vienna in April 2019 (or arising from WRC-19) will not occur until January 2020. In summary, the 2019 edition has formal changes only in 144MHz.

HF: Whilst there are no formal changes at HF, we remain concerned with ongoing reports of out-of-band operation in 5MHz, particularly by UK FT8 usage. The 5MHz band plan explicitly refers to more detailed advice online, where HF Manager Ian Greenshields, G4FSU has guidance on operating and staying legal.

VHF: As mentioned above there are several relatively small changes to the 144MHz band – removal of the old UK microwave talkback frequency, more neutral 'Digital Usage' descriptions for ETCC-managed assignments and a correction to the simplex channels numbers.

The latest band plan information including 5MHz guidance and the master Excel files can be found on the Operating section of the RSGB website at rsgb.org/bandplans – and, if you are unsure, by all means contact either hf.manager@rsgb.org.uk, vhf.manager@rsgb.org.uk or microwave.manager@rsgb.org.uk

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