

IARU Interim Meeting to discuss Revised HF Band Plans



The IARU Region 1 have released the documents to support HF band plan changes as part of the Interim Meeting that will be held on 23 June, just before the start of the HamRadio event at Friedrichshafen on 24 to 26 June.

The website with these is <https://interim.iaru-r1.org/> and the HF documents are under Committee C4.

This has detailed contributions from IARU on the nominal global plan that would rebalance the provision in several bands (80m, 40m, 20m, 17m and 12m) to accommodate growth in digital modes, such as from the WSJT-X suite. This inevitably means that there are modest compromises for SSB and CW provision in some cases.

Whilst the IARU wishes to adopt the changes relatively quickly, input papers by the RSGB and DARC seek to clarify matters to ensure any change is successful, future proof and amateurs are better engaged and more fully aware.

One RSGB input, which is a result of Member feedback, covers a more dynamic approach to HF band plans during contests. Our other paper concerns modernisation of the underpinning the *IARU Region 1 HF Handbook* that guides and documents HF policy matters. Our inputs have been developed with the assistance of the RSGB Spectrum Forum.

The IARU event will also see Committees C5 (VHF-Microwaves) and C7 (EMC) focus on various pressing topics such as ITU WRC-23, spectrum threats, noise levels etc.

If you wish to provide feedback, please start or contribute to specific threads on the 'RSGB Workshop' forum group rather than email RSGB HQ, so it is easier for all to see and comment.

Useful Links

HF C4 Papers: <https://interim.iaru-r1.org/interim-meeting/documents-2/hf-c4/>

Comments: <https://groups.io/g/RSGB-Workshop>