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Background:

It has always been the unspoken policy, that articles in the membership magazines from member societies may be translated and copied by other societies without any copyright problems. In accordance with this practice, societies have done so many times. Actually some copyright issues with some authors arose in the past.

Situation:

To ensure good information on amateur radio relevant topics also in other member societies, it is good practice to exchange membership magazines between societies. An arising technical trend, a new kind of modulation technique or just a very interesting technical design may be reported in a magazine being so interesting, that another member society wishes to translate and offer the article to their own members.

It is therefore in the interest of any member society to allow such a procedure in any case, thus ensuring a quick knowledge transfer within the whole IARU community.

Actually there is neither a recommendation nor any other kind of regulation of this common practise.

Recommendation:

To avoid any copyright problems in the future DARC proposes to add a new bylaw under Section B.7 - Miscellaneous Rules as follows:

B.7.3 IARU Region 1 Member Societies allow other IARU Member Societies to translate and copy articles from other Member Societies' magazines. Every Member Society shall keep the authors of their membership magazine informed, that translating and reprinting in other Member Societies' magazines is automatically allowed without further information to the author.