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Amendment of the 29 MHz Band Plan

Introduction

This paper proposes to adjust the 6 kHz bandwidth segment of the 10 metre band to recognise traditional operation of AM & FM in the 29,0 - 29,1 MHz segment of the band.

Background

The 6 kHz all modes segment on 10 metres starts at 29,1 MHz in the current Region 1 band plan with FM simplex channels on a 10 kHz spacing. However, this does not take into account that there has long been non-channelized activity using AM and FM modes in the segment from 29,0 - 29,1 MHz

Proposal

Whilst AM has always been allowed by a footnote exception on all HF bands in the 2700 Hz segments, on 28 MHz this activity is almost exclusively above 29 MHz. It is proposed to adjust the band plan to recognise this.

Modes with narrower occupied bandwidths are still permitted in the 6 kHz segments, so this change should not affect any existing activity. However the change will help encourage activity of wider bandwidth modes to use the segment above 29 MHz.

Recommendation

That the 28 MHz band plan be amended in Region 1 to add to the table:

29 000 – 29 100 6 000 Hz All modes