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## New Contest Operating Section (6h)

### Introduction

1. In 2006, for the first time, ARI tested the 6 hours category only for 144 MHz in all Sub-Regional Contest (March, May and July) and the IARU Region 1 VHF Contest in September.

The idea was to give a chance of participation to those who haven't full 24 hours free time, or those who haven't the will to take part for 24 hours long.

The idea was initially tested only on 144 MHz with a great success, and also for those who take part for 24 hours competition it was a good idea because they can work some more stations too, especially on Sunday mornings.

In 2007 and 2008, we tested 6-hours categories in all bands up to the microwaves and we finally decided to introduce 6-hours category only on 144 and 432 MHz.

From 2009 until now, we have 3 categories: Single operator, Multi Operator and 6-hours. The 6 hours category has no distinction between Single Operator and Multi Operator.

2. During the IARU Region 1 Interim Meeting 2007 in Vienna, PZK proposed to discuss the introduction of this new category (Paper B27), and in the Final Minutes it was decided to test this category and to discuss in a future conference the results obtained by each country.

### Proposal

After 8 years of use of this category in Italy, we propose to officially introduce this section in all IARU Region 1 Contests, with these motivations:

- It is observed that the number of the contest entrants decreases each year; one of the reasons for such situation is that some people can't spend the whole weekend operating in the contest. They need some time for their families and other people.
- Some older entrants are not able to take part in the contest for 24 hours.
- Such entrants will not take part in the contest because they can not be competitive for the entrants operating 24 hours.

- Some entrants that can be operative only on portable are stimulated to take part due to less hours to be outside home (less things to organize about food and where to sleep).