



HEADQUARTERS ISAF
CJ6
SPECTRUM MANAGEMENT BUREAU



TO: Amateur Service Users
SUBJECT: Amateur Frequency License (clarification note)
DATE: 30 November 2011

REFERENCES: A. ISAF Memorandum of Agreement (MoA) 2009 "Use of the Radio-Frequency Spectrum" in Afghanistan (AFG) between ISAF and Ministry of Communication and Information Technology (MCIT), ANNEX B "Frequency Allocation Table", dated 02.03.2011
B. ISAF Standing Operating Procedure (SOP) 607, dated 10.10.2010
C. International Telecommunication Union Radio Regulation (ITU-RR) - Edition of 2008
D. Military Technical Agreement, dated 04.02.2002

Dear Amateur User,

1. Currently AFG is not implementing the International Amateur Radio Union (IARU) regulations. The basic and single document about the Use of the Radio-Frequency Spectrum (RFS) in AFG is the Memorandum of Agreement (MoA) 2009 (Ref. A) between ISAF and Afghanistan Telecommunication Regulatory Authority (ATRA) /MCIT of the Government of Islamic Republic of Afghanistan (GIROA). Therein a Frequency Allocation Table based on the ITU-RR Region III / AFG is established.

This Frequency Allocation Table shows that the RFS in AFG is divided into three parts, which are Civilian, Shared or Military frequency bands. Subsequently the spectrum management responsibility is divided into the following two responsibilities:

- Afghanistan Telecommunication Regulatory Authority (ATRA) for Civilian bands.
- Spectrum Management Bureau (SM Bureau) / ISAF Theatre Frequency Management Cell (ISAF TFMC) for Military bands.
- Shared band usage has to be agreed by both ATRA and ISAF SM Bureau / TFMC.

Policies and procedures about frequency requests and approval authorities are set out in the MoA (Ref. A).

An ISAF SOP 607 (Ref. B) "Spectrum Management" is established, which describes procedures and guidance for frequency requests.

2. In accordance with the MoA (Ref. A), the following bands are authorised for Amateur Services.

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Freq Band Symbol	Frequency Range from/to [MHz]		Major Allocation to service According to ITU RR-Region 3	Main User/ Coordinator
MF	1.800	2.000	FIXED/MOBILE/AMATEUR	Shared
HF	3.500	3.900	FIXED/MOBILE/AMATEUR	Mil
HF	7.000	7.100	AMATEUR/AMATEUR SAT	Shared
HF	7.100	7.200	AMATEUR	Civilian / Shared
HF	14.000	14.250	AMATEUR/AMATEUR SAT	Mil
HF	14.250	14.350	AMATEUR	Shared
HF	18.068	18.168	AMATEUR/AMATEUR SAT	Civilian
HF	21.000	21.450	AMATEUR/AMATEUR SAT	Civilian
HF	24.890	24.990	AMATEUR/AMATEUR SAT	Civilian
HF	28.000	29.700	AMATEUR/AMATEUR SAT	Civilian
VHF	50.000	54.000	AMATEUR	Mil
VHF	144.00	145.50	AMATEUR/AMATEUR SAT	Mil
VHF	145.50	146.00	AMATEUR/AMATEUR SAT	Civilian
SHF	24000.0	24050.0	AMATEUR/AMATEUR SAT	Shared

3. Any other band (even if allocated to Amateur Services as listed in the ITU-RR (Ref. C)) is not authorized for Amateur Services as agreed in the MoA (Ref. A).
4. Together with your amateur licence request, an approved justification has to be sent, which states that the licence is required for any ISAF purpose; otherwise it may not be free of charge according to the Military Technical Agreement (MTA) (Ref. D).

If the amateur license use is not for any ISAF purpose, an approval of the military site commander/CJ6 has to be provided/sent (attached to your amateur request), which states that you are allowed to install an antenna on the military site and that you are allowed to operate (emit or transmit) a radio for personal use.

5. To meet all conditions above, please attach to your amateur licence request:
 - Statement / Justification about ISAF purpose;
 - Approval of military site Commander / CJ6 for Emission / Transmission and Antenna Installation;
 - Cover note/letter addressed to the ATRA Board Chairman;
 - Application form for Radiocommunication Apparatus License (Annex D1 to Ref. A.);
 - Scan of your national amateur license; and
 - (if there is no photo on your national amateur license)
Scan of your ID, or driving license (document with your photo) for the purpose of identification / registration by ATRA.

Your amateur licence request has to be requested via the Frequency / Spectrum Manager chain of command, and has to be forwarded by ISAF SM Bureau to ATRA for their approval.

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