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Dear Sirs

It was very nice to read FCC's proposal of Special Licensing for Visiting Hams (QST October 1992). I'm very glad that Federal Authority noticed necessity of preparing these kind regulations.

The trouble is that suggested procedure is too long and only a limited number of foreign hams will be able to derive benefit from it.

Let's consider who is visiting USA:

- 1) Students, trainees, temporary employees of US companies. The period of time they stay in USA is from few months to a few years. It means that most of them will apply for regular US ham radio license.
- 2) Tourists. From this group of people temporary license is accessible to those who have booked rooms in hotels (see requested pertinent data in QST).
- 3) Visitors for business purposes. They are stay usually no longer than two weeks once or twice a year. If they are often in USA they will apply for regular license.
- 4) People who are visiting relatives, friends etc. Period of time of they stay is usually no longer than one month once a year.

I believe that for, the average person, the time necessary to get, a book with FCC rules (for example: The FCC Rule Book) and learn most of regulations is two weeks. In this case some of groups of people (from points 2, 3, 4) have no chance to start looking for working VE Team due to lack of time.

Information about Test Session is available from ham journals. In last QST (Hamfest Calendar) we find that Exams will be performed only in 27 States during October. It means that some of foreign hams even ready to be examined will not be able to reach places with VE Team (too far to go or inconvenient time).

Let's assume that some foreign ham will be lucky and he will meet three VE. The trouble is that each VE Session has to be advertised at least a month before in newspaper or some journal.

The final conclusion is that getting a temporary license for foreign visiting hams will be possible in USA but the number issued will be very limited.

Best regards  
Sincerely Yours

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P.S. Maybe it is better to solve this problem the same as in my country of citizenship.

A few weeks before visit each foreign ham sends an application and copy of her/his license to PAR (Polish Agency of

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Radio communication) indicating that he/she wishes to use an amateur radio station from the territory of Poland. After some time she/he gets approval with the address of the PARs office from which she/he receive license, band plan and book with rules in polish. Subsequently, it is her/his responsibility to be able to understand how to use her/his station according polish regulations.

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