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Hello,

I consider the attempt to prohibit firmware modifications somewhat useless - at least for the proposed reason. While there is not much room to increase power beyond the legal limits by software mods, it is much easier and quite common to increase EIRP by antenna modifications (like the famous "Coffee Can Antenna"). These (illegal) antenna modifications may lead to a reasonable gain and increase of EIRP well beyond the limits, much more likely to interfere with other devices than plain firmware modifications and can of course not be stopped by firmware locking. Rather it might lead to even more people experimenting with homebrew antennas if there is no way to modify the firmware anymore, likely to cause even more problems. I urge you to immediately stop your plans to regulate wifi devices by DRMing the firmware. Thank you.