

Gentlemen:

This proposal could become an administrative nightmare for the FCC. Currently, there are multitudes of foreign nationals holding amateur radio licences issued under the VEC program. Many of these individuals have never set foot in the USA and use address information of friends or relatives living in the USA. Determining a death date that encompasses all licensees including non citizen, foreign nationals would be an almost impossible task!

The social security death index could be used as a reference for those covered under social security of the USA but that would not give sufficient information on the vast amount of foreign nationals holding USA amateur radio call signs. The cost of attempting to implement this proposal would be an additional expenditure on the limited budget of the FCC