

I strongly support RM-10352, because as a CW operator on 160m for 40 years now I believe the modes must be separated, and their separation enforced. SSB mode is not compatible with CW, and those using it in CW sub-bands spoil the hobby for many.

The sub-band 1810-1840 corresponds with frequencies used in many other parts of the world. This issue affects us in Europe as well because 160m is viewed worldwide as a challenge where amateurs can make contacts with weak signal strengths, either locally using low power or poor antennas, or across the world under marginal conditions. It has been found over the years that only a few SSB operators who break voluntary rules spoil the use of CW for many. This especially applies for local SSB nets who often cannot hear weak CW or cannot read CW properly. SSB has a wide bandwidth and blankets out CW within at least 3kHz plus IP products.

There is a lot of worldwide interest in contacting USA stations on CW on 160m under very low signal conditions, and our hobby should not be affected by the selfish few. I would point out that hearing the offenders, or hearing disputes on the air, does not give a good impression of USA overseas, and is not a good example to those in other countries who may also be tempted to break voluntary rules!