

The concept of a change in spectrum allocation to match the current usage is a good one and needs to be done. This proposal is unnecessarily complex and restrictive.

We should follow what other countries have done and eliminate all limitations to allow for better experimental usage and relieve current congestion.

This would free up the lower part of 40 meters for phone usage as the current phone allocation is unusable 70% of the day in the east because of foreign broadcast stations.

The 160 meter band is a good example in that all usable modes have the entire band to work with.

There is little interference, as is common on other bands, and a greater freedom for ALL modes.

Since the amateur community is largely self-policing, a complex band plan makes the task difficult at best and impossible at the worst. The rule of not interfering with a QSO in progress should and would be the defining rule for usage. Regardless of mode, (digital, CW, phone, etc...) when a signal is present, the frequency is 'in use'.

Thank-you