

In Report and Order FCC 06-149, released October 10, 2006, 71 Fed. Reg. 66460 et seq, the FCC has properly adjusted the incentive licensing scheme as of December 15, 2006. The December 11, 2006 petitions of the ARRL for a stay and a modification should be denied.

Part 47, Sec. 97.101(b) of the Amateur Service rules states:

(b) Each station licensee and each control operator must cooperate in selecting transmitting channels and in making the most effective use of the amateur service frequencies. No frequency will be assigned for the exclusive use of any station [or stations].

Further, the change made in the 3620-3635 kHz segment is synergistic with the IARU band plans of Regions 1 and 3.

In 1968 and at ARRL's request, the FCC established incentive licensing that is a common feature of the amateur radio rules of many nations.

Under current rules, it is significantly easier for a licensee to upgrade as compared with 1968 when the licensee was required to appear before a FCC examiner in a District Office and pass a 20 WPM code examination in addition to written exams in order to not lose operating

privileges.

As in 1968, certain classes of licensees will need to upgrade should they not wish to lose operating privileges or they must relocate to different frequencies if they choose not to and any affected groups of operators, for example informal ones, nets, etc., will be required to move to an appropriate frequency segment in order to maintain current practices.

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