

I am writing to state my opposition to any changes to 97.309 that will make it possible to obscure the meaning of any amateur radio communication. I feel that allowing encryption on the ham bands will allow the violation of strong moral convictions commonly held by all ham radio enthusiasts. There are many other forms of encrypted communication to meet those needs. These types of communications don't belong on the ham radio bands. Below are more detailed reasons that encryption on the ham bands should NOT be allowed.

1. Allowing encryption on the ham bands will make it impossible to monitor communications for illegal uses or inappropriate language.
2. Email robots would be able to disguise the content of email so that commercial email traffic could be passed on the ham bands without detection.
3. Terrorist groups would be able to use amateur radio frequencies and amateur transceivers with pirated calls without detection. Unlike cell phones, there is no record anywhere of communications on the ham bands so such activity can not be traced.