

Re: RM-11708

I strongly support the proposal to remove the symbol rate limitation from digital modes used in the Amateur Radio Service.

The limitation is antiquated and outdated. It puts the amateur radio service at an unnecessary disadvantage relative to other radio services. Regulations are good but they need to be based on current technology and usage with legitimate reasoning.

As a Red Cross volunteer I would like the ability to send information as quickly as possible via HF radio when, and if, the need ever arises. I can't see any reasonable downside to lifting the current symbol rate limitation, but the upside is significant.

As previously posted this is an excellent time for hams to be at the forefront of HF data handling using and experimenting with cutting edge technologies. In the end lifting the limitation could not only be a good thing for hams, but might ultimately benefit other radio services too. Hams are an enthusiastic and creative bunch. Give them the opportunity and they might come up with something so great it ends up being adopted by the commercial radio services. This can only happen if the limitation is lifted.

Again, I strongly support RM-11708. Thank you,
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