

In regards to RM-11708, I would like to retract my earlier statements and comments, because I was **WRONG** and I didn't understand the whole proposed document as compared to Part 97 and their subsections.

Like most who replied I was confused when I saw the Band Plan in the Appendix and by looking at it you would think that the proposal was to occur on all the bands and that the CW portion of the band would be going away or would be encroached by this change. **NOT TRUE!** There is only one small part of the 10 meter band between 28.0-28.3 MHz that changed in section 97.307 under section (f) that changed from (3) to (4). Go look up section 97.305 and compare the notes in the most right hand column. Everything else is still the same as it is in section 97.305, which is the band plan shown in the Appendix in the proposal.

So what does this mean? It means that we were looking at only one thing and not really understanding the total proposal. Plus we didn't understand the Band Plan as identified in Part 97 Section 97.305. I admit it's a little confusing. But as you should know, most of our operating sections are gentleman's agreements anyway.

You know, you can operate CW anywhere in the all the bands. But we don't, just because it is not the right thing to do, and we try to stay in our section of the band identified as the place to operate CW. The same goes for the other modes and their parts of the bands to operate. Take PSK, RTTY, and the other forms of automated digital communications they stay in their sections of the bands but the bandwidth is limited by an ruling proposed back in 1980.

So everyone go to the internet and look up FCC Part 97 and look up 97.305, and 97.307 and compare it to the proposed change to the band plan. You will find that **we made a mistake** and the CW part of the band is not going to change based on this proposal! Okay, get over it and I'm sure you know, it's okay to make a mistake as long as you can admit it and move on. It's life and everyone does it!

So everyone go back and do your homework and work hard, to understand the proposal and support you ARRL team in this matter. They are trying to make things easier for everyone and give us opportunity to take advantage of new technology when it comes along.

We should probable do the same for all the other modes to allow for easy implementation of new technologies in the future. It's just that the digital world came along first.

Think about it, we now have D-Star and free Digital Voice now. What's next?

Thanks everyone and please accept my apology for misrepresenting the information earlier because of my lack of knowledge.

Tnx,
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