The board of directors of Radio Amateur du Québec Inc. at its meeting of May 26, 2012 unanimously passed a resolution supporting the proposed changes to the Canadian Table of Frequency Allocations and RBR-4 as outlined in the Consultation on Changes to the Canadian Table of Frequency Allocations and to RBR-4 to Allow for Amateur Radio Service Use in the 5 MHz Band.

In response to the specific questions in the consultation we answer as follows:

1) Should Industry Canada allow amateur radio operators to use the five frequencies 5332 kHz, 5348 kHz, 5358.5 kHz, 5373 kHz and 5405 kHz, which are harmonized with U.S. amateur use, on a no-protection, no-interference basis? Transmissions would be restricted to a 2.8 kHz bandwidth centred on each of these frequencies.

Yes.

2) Should Industry Canada harmonize emission modes and designators with those specified in the United States for these five frequencies - i.e. telephony (2K80J3E), data (2K80J2D), RTTY (60H0J2B) and CW (150HA1A)?

Yes, since these are discreet frequencies this is a sensible approach.

3) Should Industry Canada specify a maximum effective radiated power of 100 W peak envelope power?

Yes.

4) Should Industry Canada allow Canadian amateurs access to the 5329 kHz frequency for domestic communications only? Transmissions would be restricted to a 2.8 kHz bandwidth centred on this frequency.

Yes.
(5) Should Industry Canada specify emission designators and peak envelope power for this additional frequency? If so, what should these be?

Yes. A sensible approach would be to make them the same as the other five frequencies. This will permit uniform specifications for radios intended to use these frequencies.

(6) Comments are invited on this proposal to update the Canadian Table of Frequency Allocations.

Radio Amateur du Québec Inc. is in agreement with the proposed changes.

(7) Comments are invited on this proposal to update the RBR-4 with these technical and operating parameters.

Radio Amateur du Québec Inc. is in agreement with the proposed changes.

We look forward to the implementation of these changes which will be beneficial to the Amateur Radio Service in Canada.

Respectfully submitted,

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