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Subject: 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, Notice No. SMSE-010-12, May 12th, 2012

Dear Sir

Radio Amateurs of Canada (RAC) welcomes the opportunity to respond to this consultation, SMSE-010-12, on the subject of adding 5 MHz channel allocations to the amateur service in Canada.

Radio Amateurs of Canada is the national association representing the radio amateur service in Canada and as such, petitioned the Department on behalf of its members and the general amateur radio community to allow access to channel allocations in the 5 MHz band for Canada. This added spectrum was deemed important to provide alternate paths of radio communications between the established 80 and 40 metre amateur bands that may be compromised during times of unsuitable ionospheric propagation. The nature of these spot allocations are particularly well suited for the amateur service to assist in providing volunteer communications support for local and interprovincial emergency and disaster relief operations.

Radio Amateurs of Canada is pleased that the Department has released this consultation with a 30 day comment period with the result, we trust, that will shorten the period of time before Canadian Radio Amateurs can realize access to these proposed spectrum allocations.

In response to the specific questions asked by Industry Canada in the Consultation Document SMSE-010-12, Radio Amateurs of Canada offers answers to the questions asked and provides comments on the following pages attached.

Sincerely yours,

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