



Third Party Traffic

Changes at WRC 03

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Old provisions

It is absolutely forbidden for amateur stations to be used for transmitting international communications on behalf of third parties.



Old Provisions

The preceding provisions may be modified by special arrangements between the administrations of the countries concerned.



New provisions

- *Amateur stations may be used for transmitting international communications on behalf of third parties only in the case of an emergency or disaster relief.*



New Provisions

- *An administration may determine the applicability of this provision to amateur stations under its jurisdiction.*



Interpretation

- This second sentence of this provision enables each administration to define what is a communication on behalf of a third party, and with whom the stations under its jurisdiction may exchange such communications. If the other station's administration permits the same communication, then the communication may be exchanged internationally.



Interpretation

The removal of the requirement for bilateral agreements between countries is significant as the new regulation certainly provides the means by which each administration can permit many activities, such as disaster relief, practice for emergency communication, and educational communications to take place internationally.