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# Regulation of Amateur Radio Service

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## Chapter One

### Definitions

#### Article 1:

The terms and expressions defined in Article (1) of The Telecommunication Act and in Article (1) of the By-Laws of the Telecommunication Act and in Article (1) of the Ordinance of CITC shall bear the same meanings assigned to them in the Act, its By-Laws and the Ordinance of CITC when are used in this Regulation. Moreover, the following words and expressions shall bear the meanings explained against each of them:-

- 1- **Amateur Radio service:** It is an earth wireless communication service or a service rendered through satellite, where a radio equipment is used with the purpose of self-training or communication or technical research by persons interested in Radio Technology only as a personal matter, not aiming to achieve any financial benefits.
- 2- **Radio Amateur:** He is a licensed person who has concerns in Radio Technology.
- 3- **Amateur Radio station:** Radio equipment operating in accordance with technical criteria and procedures pertinent to this service specified in the Radio Regulations issued by ITU, in Telecommunication Act & its By-Laws and in the Ordinance of CITC as well as in this Regulation.
- 4- **Radio Amateur License:** It is a license issued by CITC, qualifies the possessor to establish and operate an Amateur Radio Station to practice the hobby of radio service in the Kingdom in accordance with terms of Telecommunication Act and its By-Laws and this Regulation.
- 5- **Amateur Radio Station License:** Is a license issued by CITC in the name of the amateur for establishing and operating an amateur Radio Station. It includes the technical specifications of the station.

## **Chapter Two**

### **License and Usage**

#### **Article 2:**

Without prejudice to the stipulations of Telecommunication Act and its By-Laws, Radio Amateurs are not allowed to operate or use any Amateur Radio station of any kind or establish it in whatever nature or possesses it in way inside the Kingdom or within its territorial waters or space except after obtaining the license from CITC. Such license shall include data pertinent to the station and Radio Amateur.

#### **Article 3:**

Any Radio Amateur licensed to use an Amateur Radio Station, single or shared shall undertake to adhere to the terms of Telecommunication Act, its By-Laws and to the terms of this Regulation as well as any other terms described in any other Ordinances in force in the Kingdom which do not contradict with the Commission's regulation. He shall also adhere to all the conditions described in the license granted to him and to any other conditions issued by CITC.

#### **Article 4:**

- 1- Those wishing to obtain Radio Amateur License should meet the following conditions:
  - a) He shall be Saudi National or an official resident of the Kingdom.
  - b) His age shall not be less than (18) years.
  - c) Has good moral conduct, never being sentenced under codified Islamic law or committed a crime related to honesty & honor-unless proved otherwise and defamation legally removed.
  - d) Has successfully passed the Radio Amateur Test.
- 2- Without prejudice to the terms of Paragraphs: (1-A, 1-B, 1-C, 1-D of this Article), the non-Saudi shall equally be allowed to operate a licensed Amateur Radio Station inside the Kingdom or in its territorial waters or its space in each of the following two cases:
  - a) If he is having a valid license from his country authorizing him to operate such station.
  - b) If he obtained a license for such station from CITC in accordance with this Regulation.

## **Article 5**

CITC is the authority specialized to conduct tests to Radio Amateurs. CITC is allowed to ask the assistance of any other agencies in this regard.

## **Article 6:**

- 1) Radio Amateur Licenses are classified into two categories:
  - a) The first category: this category allows the Amateur to transmit and receive on all the frequency bands allowed for this service in the Kingdom.
  - b) Second category: this category allows Amateur to receive on all the frequency bands allowed for this service in the Kingdom. The amateur is allowed to transmit only on VHF & UHF.

The executive procedures and technical conditions issued by CITC indicate the requirements for each category and the frequency bands allowed for the Radio Amateur Service in the Kingdom.

- 2) The amateur who is intending to obtain Amateur Radio station License shall make sure that the station is in conformity with the category of his license.

## **Article 7:**

- 1) When the Amateur Radio Station license is issued for the first time, its period shall be limited to the rest of the Radio Amateur license period, and liable to renewal for five years based on a request of the licensed Radio Amateur and approved by CITC. and considered to be cancelled unless the licensed Radio Amateur submits a written request for renewal the license at least thirty days before of expiry date and approved by CITC.
- 2) The license period of the Radio Amateur shall be five years starting from the date of issuance and liable to renewal for a similar period based on a request submitted by license owner and approved by CITC.
- 3) In case of the license is cancelled as per part (1) of this Article or based on Radio Amateur's request, the Radio Amateur shall follow one of the below procedures:
  - a) Exporting the licensed Amateur Radio Station outside the Kingdom and provide CITC with a

copy of export documents indicating the serial number of that station.

- b) Selling the licensed Amateur Radio Station or assign it to another licensed Radio Amateur person as per Article No.(8) of this Regulation.
  - c) Destroy the licensed Amateur Radio Station in coordination with CITC
- 4) In case of the Radio Amateur License is cancelled, his Amateur Radio Station License shall be cancelled spontaneously unless another licensed person submits a request to own the station under his name. Furthermore, the person whom license has been cancelled will be no longer a member of Amateur Radio service in the Kingdom and has no right to exercise this amateurism except passing the test again successfully to obtain the license.
  - 5) In case of the cancelled Radio Amateur License belongs to a person who has a shared Amateur Radio Station license, CITC shall coordinate with other Radio Amateurs partners in this station to define another person to assign the station under his name.
  - 6) A resident person in the Kingdom who has a Radio Amateur License and an Amateur Radio Station License shall notify CITC when he is given a final visa and follow one of the procedures specified in part (3) of this Article regarding the licensed station.
  - 7) A Radio Amateur may be licensed for two Amateur Radio stations (one fixed and one mobile), and he may be licensed for additional stations if he provide justifications for each request and approved by CITC.

#### **Article 8:**

No Radio Amateur licensed to operate Amateur Radio Station is allowed to assign it to another person with or without charge or transfer the ownership of the station to another person whether permanently or temporarily except after obtaining a written approval from CITC.

### **Article 9:**

CITC lists the Amateur Radio Station in "the list of call signs for Amateur Radio Stations in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia" together with mentioning the details which the Amateur should make available to CITC. These are:-

1. The full name of the license holder
2. Call sign
3. License category
4. Amateur Radio Station site
5. The full address of the License holder

On occurrence of any change in the above information, the Radio Amateur shall notify CITC within 15 days of the occurrence of such change.

### **Article 10:**

The operation of Amateur Radio Station shall be confined within the category specified in the license given to the Amateur by the CITC. It is possible to use first category Amateur Radio Station as an Amateur Radio Station by Amateurs holding valid second category license under the supervision and responsibility of the Amateur mentioned in the license.

### **Article 11:**

Customs shall not release any Amateur Radio Station except after obtaining approval from CITC and after making sure that it conforms to the conditions and specs approved by CITC.

## **Chapter Three** **The Nature of Transmission &** **Receiving**

### **Article 12:**



- 1- Wireless communication between Amateur Radio Station shall take place using a simple understandable language. Amateur's international codes and operational abbreviations shall be in simple clear language.
- 2- Transmission shall be confined to the messages with a technical nature related to the tests themselves or to remarks with a personal nature for which there is no justification to use public communication services to transmit such messages.

### **Article 13:**

The Radio Amateur is prohibited to use the station on the following:

- 1- To transmit any signals, codes or information related to the Kingdom's security aspects.
- 2- To transmit any signals, codes or use the station for purposes that violates the public norms, prevailing traditions or curse others or use foul and insulting language.
- 3- To communicate with knowingly unlicensed stations or stations existing in countries with which communication is prohibited.
- 4- To transmit any false danger signals or wrong call signs.
- 5- To use international rescue signals except in case of emergency or catastrophes.
- 6- To transmit ciphered messages or music or entertainment programs or advertisements.
- 7- Receiving or recording intentionally a messages unauthorized to be received. In case of receiving such message even unintentionally, he is prohibited to benefit from it or enable others to review it for any reason or purpose or notifying people other than the concerned staff that he has received such a message.
- 8- The station should not be used except personally by the licensed and he should take all precautionary measures to prevent its use by unauthorized persons.
- 9- To use encoder equipment for transmission and receiving.
- 10- To go beyond the frequency bands allowed for Amateur Radio Service indicated in the license or interfere in any way with another frequency allocated to third party or cause occurrence of harmful interference as defined in the international radio System.
- 11- To operate the station on boats and vessels unless the Amateur obtains permission from the captain of the boat or the ship. The license bearer shall responsible for any violation done by the station belonging to him whether the violation occurred directly from his act or from the act of any other person.

**Article 14:**

The Radio Amateur should report to CITC about any violation he discovered as originating from any Amateur Radio Station in the Kingdom conflicting with the terms of the Act or its By- Laws or this Regulation.

**Article 15:**

The use of receiver equipment in Amateur Radio Station shall be confined to receiving the transmission from other Amateur Radio Stations and receiving standard frequencies, time signals and other transmissions authorized for Radio Amateurs.

**Article 16:**

The Radio Amateur shall keep at least for one year a record for the station, serially numbered pages where all transmission operations are recorded. Record of each transmission shall include all the details specified in the conditions and procedures issued by CITC

## **Chapter Four**

### **Shared Amateur Radio Stations**

#### **Article 17:**

It is allowed to grant license to the Radio Amateur to establish and operate a shared Amateur Radio Station as per the conditions and procedures being laid by CITC.

#### **Article 18:**

The Radio Amateur whose name is mentioned in the License of shared Amateur Radio Station License shall be responsible for this station, all operations origination from it and shall pay the charges arising out of the license for establishing and operating.

## **Chapter Five**

### **Inspection of Amateur Radio Stations**

#### **Article 19:**

CITC as well as other related government bodies shall have the right to inspect at any time the Amateur Radio Stations at any place in the Kingdom. Whenever requested by the concerned authorities, The Radio Amateur shall show the license of Amateur Radio Station License and the license of Radio Amateur and the documents pertinent to technical installation and station operation and shall provide all information related to Amateur Radio Station and its method of operation if requested by the Authorities.

#### **Article 20:**

CITC has the right to operate an Amateur Radio Station or conduct experiments on transmission and receiving on specific frequencies allocated for this purpose in order to test the type of signals received by and transmitted from the station

## **Chapter Six**

### **Precautions for avoiding interference and its removal**

#### **Article 21:**

In case the station produces harmful interference, the Radio Amateur owning the station shall modify the pattern of operation or shall equip his station with technical means which prevent such interference with other wireless services.

#### **Article 22:**

On receiving a complaint of interference caused by Amateur Radio Station, CITC shall take the suitable procedures to remove such interference. CITC may introduce restrictions for the bearer of license of the station caused the interference like: specifying the operation hours or using specific frequencies or reduce the transmission power of the station.

## **Chapter Seven**

### **Fees**

#### **Article 23:**

CITC shall impose the following fees as follows:-

- 1- Fees for performing technical testing to the Radio Amateur SR(300).
- 2- Fees for re-testing SR(100).
- 3- Fees against Radio Amateur License SR(100) annually.
- 4- Fees against Radio Amateur Station License SR(150) annually.

#### **Article 24:**

The fees for testing and re-testing shall be paid in advance before starting the tests. the fees for Amateur Radio License shall be paid in advance for each five years period

## **Chapter Eight**

### **Penalties**

#### **Article 25:**

In case of committing any of violations described in the Telecommunication Act or in this Regulation, the case will be referred to the Arbitration Committee for violations of Telecommunication Act to decide the suitable penalty as described in the Telecommunication Act and its By-Laws.

#### **Article 26:**

The governor of CITC may have the right to cancel any Radio Amateur License at any time or to suspend its work for a specific period in the following cases:

- a) If he is of the opinion that public interest necessitates so. In case of cancellation of Radio Amateur License, the money equivalent to the remaining period of the paid charges shall be refunded to the Amateur- unless the reason for cancellation is attributed to the Amateur himself.
- b) If one or more of the conditions of license granting become no longer valid.
- c) If the licensed Amateur violated any of the conditions of the license granting.

## **Chapter Nine**

### **General Terms**

#### **Article 27:**

1. This Regulation is produced based on the Telecommunication Act & its By-Laws issued by the Royal Decree No. (M/12) dated 12/03/1422 and in case of discrepancy the terms of the Telecommunication Act shall be applicable.

2. The International Radio System and any other agreements related to the Amateur Radio Service of which the Kingdom is signatory shall be complementary to the terms of this Regulation.

**Article 28:**

CITC Governor shall issue the technical conditions and Executive Procedures for this Regulation.