

**ARRL HF Band Planning Committee
Report to the Board – January 2017**

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Activity within the HF Band Planning Committee has been light following the board's approval of the following three recommended modifications to the IARU Region 2 band last July:

1. *References to the 660-meter band be changed to 630-meters to more accurately describe the wavelength of the spectrum actually allocated for amateur radio use;*
2. *Update the 160-meter band plan to include an asterisk (“*”) to acknowledge AM operations commonly encountered within the band; and*
3. *An exception be added to the band plan, appended to the definition of “USB/LSB” or appended elsewhere, which specifies that, in the event a 60-meter amateur radio allocation is added to the band plan, upper sideband (USB) is permissible.*

These recommendations were delivered to the Region 2 General Assembly last October and unanimously approved.

A document summarizing *all* approved modifications to the IARU Region 2 band plan is provided separately for review.

At present the committee is discussing the considerable growth in use of WSPR on the HF bands.

I would like to personally thank each member of the HF Band Planning Committee for the time and energy they have devoted to helping meet the objectives set forth by the Board. We stand ready to take on other band planning matters as needed.

Respectfully submitted,

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