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Circular Letter to All Hong Kong Amateur Station Licensees

Dear Sir/Madam,

**Mutual Recognition Arrangement
of Amateur Station Operations
between Mainland China and Hong Kong SAR**

I am pleased to inform you that this office has established arrangement with the Ministry of Information Industry (MII) and the Chinese Radio Sports Association (CRSA) of the Mainland China for mutual recognition of amateur radio operation which will be effective on 10 June 2004.

The mutual recognition arrangement provides for holders of **Hong Kong Permanent Identity Cards** possessing valid Hong Kong Amateur Station Licences (hereinafter known as “Hong Kong Amateur Station Licensees”) to apply for an operator’s certificate from CRSA for operating amateur stations in the Mainland China. With the certificate, the Hong Kong Amateur Station Licensees are accepted by the State Radio Regulatory Authorities of MII to apply for Mainland China’s amateur station licence for establishing and operating amateur radio equipment in the Mainland. Details of application for the operator’s certificate from CRSA and the Mainland China’s amateur station licence from the State Radio Authorities of MII are given in Annex I - Interim Administrative Methods for the Establishment and Operation of the Amateur Radio Stations by Hong Kong Permanent Residents in Mainland China.

For operator’s certificate application and enquiry, please contact CRSA at the following address:

Chinese Radio Sports Association
P.O. Box : 6106,
Beijing 100061,
China.

Tel : +86-10-67050897

Fax : +86-10-67050899

Email : crsa@chinaham.com ; crsa@public.bta.net.cn

The mutual recognition arrangement also provides for holders of valid amateur operator’s certificate and amateur station licence issued by the

Mainland authorities to apply for an Authority to Operate (ATO) and Amateur Station Licence in Hong Kong. Details of the arrangement are now available in OFTA's home page at www.ofta.gov.hk.

For any queries on the above, please address to the following :

Controller Telecom (Support Services)
Office of the Telecommunications Authority
36th Floor, Wu Chung House
213 Queen's Road East
Wanchai
Hong Kong.

Tel : 2961 6608

Fax : 2803 5113

Email : support_services@ofta.gov.hk

Yours faithfully,

[Signed]

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for Telecommunications Authority

Annex I - Interim Administrative Methods for the Establishment and Operation of the Amateur Radio Stations by Hong Kong Permanent Residents in Mainland China.

**Interim Administrative Methods for the
Establishment and Operation of Amateur Radio Stations
by Hong Kong Permanent Residents in Mainland China**

Article 1 General Provisions

In accordance with the conditions of the Regulations of the People's Republic of China on the Administration of Radio Operation 1993 and the Interim Administrative Methods of the People's Republic of China on Personal Amateur Radio Stations 1993, operators of amateur radio stations in Mainland China must obtain the Amateur Radio Operator's Certificate of the People's Republic of China (the "Operator's Certificate"), subject to assessment by the Chinese Radio Sports Association (CRSA). Upon obtaining the Operator's Certificate, a written application should be submitted to the state or local radio regulatory authorities for approval of station establishment, and obtain the Station Licence before establishing the amateur radio station.

In order to enhance the exchange between radio amateurs in Mainland China and Hong Kong, as well as meeting the demands of Hong Kong radio amateurs to operate amateur radio stations during their stay or work in Mainland China, the Mainland recognizes the Amateur Station Licence (ASL) issued by the Office of the Telecommunications Authority (OFTA) of Hong Kong. Hong Kong Permanent Residents holding the ASL could directly apply for the Operator's Certificate or the Station Licence in Mainland China.

Article 2 Radio amateurs from Hong Kong holding a valid ASL issued by OFTA could apply for the Operator's Certificate from CRSA for operating amateur stations in Mainland China. Specific procedures are as follows:

1. Applicants shall submit the following to CRSA:
 - (1) Application Form for Amateur Radio Operator's Certificate for Hong Kong Permanent Residents in Mainland China completed by the applicant (please refer to attachment, which can be downloaded from <http://www.crsa.org> or <http://www.crsa.org.cn>);
 - (2) Two photographs of the applicant;
 - (3) Copy of valid ASL issued by OFTA to the applicant;
 - (4) Copy of the Hong Kong Permanent Identity Card;
 - (5) Processing fee for the Operator's Certificate.

2. Upon verification, CRSA would send the Operator's Certificate to the applicant by mail.
3. Radio amateurs from Hong Kong would obtain Class 2 Operator's Certificate in Mainland China.
4. Holders of the Operator's Certificate may operate amateur stations in the Mainland specified by CRSA. They would adopt the call sign of the Mainland station, or that used by the holder in Hong Kong plus "/" as mobile identification and the call sign of the Mainland station. The utilized frequency and power limit should not deviate from the provisions on the licence of the Mainland station and the relevant class of the Operator's Certificate.

Article 3 Radio amateurs from Hong Kong who would live or work in the Mainland for over a year may apply for establishing and operating their own amateur stations in Mainland China, with valid ASL issued by the OFTA. They would obtain "B" prefixed series of amateur station call signs. Specific procedures are as follows:

1. Applicants shall submit the following to CRSA:
 - (1) Copy of documents as proof of residence in Mainland China, or proof of residence or work issued by administrative authorities of county level or above in Mainland China;
 - (2) Application Form for Amateur Radio Operator's Certificate for Hong Kong Permanent Residents in Mainland China and Application Form for Establishment of Amateur Station completed by the applicant, which can be downloaded from <http://www.crsa.org> or <http://www.crsa.org.cn>;
 - (3) Two photographs of the applicant;
 - (4) Copy of valid ASL issued by OFTA to the applicant;
 - (5) Copy of the Hong Kong Permanent Identity Card;
 - (6) Processing fee for the Operator's Certificate and Station Licence..
2. The location and range of communication of the station to be established is confined to one province, autonomous region or directly-administered municipality. Upon verification, CRSA would send the Operator's Certificate as well as the approved Application Form for Establishment of Amateur Station with pre-assigned call sign to the applicant by mail, who may proceed with the application procedures for approval of station establishment with the radio regulatory authorities in the relevant province, autonomous region or directly-administered municipality.

Radio regulatory authorities of the relevant province, autonomous region or

directly-administered municipality would be responsible for handling of the approval procedures for station establishment of applicants who have passed the verification, the issuance of the Station Licence and the reporting of such to the State radio regulatory authority for filing purpose.

3. For those stations with location exceeding one province, autonomous region or directly-administered municipality or those whose range of communication covers more than two provinces or involved overseas amateur stations, CRSA would verify application details and pre-assign call sign before consolidating such matters for approval by the State radio regulatory authority.

The State radio regulatory authority would proceed with approval procedures for the station establishment of applicants who have passed the verification and would then issue the Station Licence. CRSA would mail the Operator's Certificate together with the Station Licence to the applicant.

Article 4 The transmitting equipment of the applicant may be exempted from inspection during approval procedures for station establishment of the Mainland radio regulatory authority if the transmitting equipment have been approved by OFTA and specified in the Schedule of the ASL.

Article 5 Radio amateurs from Hong Kong should comply with customs approval procedures of the radio regulatory authority for the import of radio transmitting equipment.

Article 6 Other regulatory measures pertinent to radio amateurs from Hong Kong in establishing and operating amateur stations in Mainland China would follow relevant regulations applicable to Mainland amateur stations and specific requirements of radio regulatory authorities from different places in the Mainland.

Annex: Application Form for Amateur Radio Operator's Certificate for Hong Kong
Permanent Residents in Mainland China

Note : *If there is a difference between the English version and Chinese version of the "Interim Administrative Methods for the Establishment and Operation of Amateur Radio Stations by Hong Kong Permanent Residents in Mainland China", the Chinese version shall prevail.*

Annex:

**Application Form for Amateur Radio Operator's Certificate
for Hong Kong Permanent Residents in Mainland China**

Name		Gender		Date of Birth	
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Details in Hong Kong					
No. of Permanent HK ID Card					
Correspondence Address				Telephone	
				Fax	
				Email	
ASL No.		ASL Validity		Call Sign	

Details in Mainland China				
Purpose of visiting Mainland China (Select one only)				
<input type="checkbox"/> Long-term employment (over 1 year) <input type="checkbox"/> Temporary employment <input type="checkbox"/> Studies				
<input type="checkbox"/> Family visits <input type="checkbox"/> Sightseeing <input type="checkbox"/> Others				
Correspondence Address or Contact Method			Telephone	
			Fax	
			Email	

Application Item (Select one only)
<input type="checkbox"/> Operate Mainland Amateur Stations only, without establishing my own amateur station
<input type="checkbox"/> Establish and operate my own amateur station, location and communication range not exceeding one province (or autonomous region or directly-administered municipality)
<input type="checkbox"/> Establish and operate my own amateur station, location exceeding one province, or communication range covering two or more provinces or overseas amateur stations

Detailed Correspondence Address for the Delivery of the Operator's Certificate

Operation or Station Location

Please provide, as specific as possible, the address for operating Mainland amateur stations.

For application for station establishment, you must provide the details for all locations.

If established on vehicles, the car registration numbers should be provided.

Separate sheets may be attached for further description.

Province	Municipality/County	Specific Address	Operation Period