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*Circular Letter to All Hong Kong Amateur Station Licensees*

Dear Sir/Madam,

**Hong Kong Participating in  
European Conference Postal and Telecommunications (CEPT)  
Recommendation T/R 61-02**

I am pleased to inform you that this office has been accepted by European Conference Postal and Telecommunications (CEPT) to join Recommendation T/R 61-02 and the effective date is 16 November 2004. Under the recommendation, holders of the Hong Kong Amateur Radio Certificates (HKRAC) issued by the Telecommunications Authority are recognised to have the equivalent qualifications by all the administrations participating in this CEPT recommendation. The arrangement enables holders of the Hong Kong Radio Amateur Certificate (HKRAC) to apply for amateur station licences in 48 participating administrations (45 CEPT and 3 non-CEPT administrations) for operating amateur equipment while they are in these administrations and vice versa. This is a big step forward for mutual amateur radio qualification recognition between Hong Kong and these participating administrations which removes the unnecessary hurdles for the HKRAC holders to take the similar examinations again in these administrations. The administrations that have participated in this CEPT recommendation are given in Annex I for reference.

In order to facilitate the administrations to recognise the amateur radio certificates issued by different participating administrations, CEPT has recommended to adopt an unified format called Harmonised Amateur Radio Examination Certificate (HAREC). This office adopts the recommended format and has revised the HKRAC which can be easily identified by the participating administrations. With immediate effect, new applications for HKRAC will be issued with the new HKRAC. For existing holders of HKRAC, they may apply for a new HKRAC. Application form (No: A291(02)) is available from OFTA's website : <http://www.ofta.gov.hk>. For further enquires, please phone to 2961 6608 or email to [support\\_services@ofta.gov.hk](mailto:support_services@ofta.gov.hk).

Yours faithfully,

[Signed]

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for Director-General  
of Telecommunications

Annex I : List of Administrations Participated in CEPT Recommendation T/R 61-02

**List of Countries Participated in CEPT Recommendation T/R 61-02**

Albania	Lithuania
Australia	Luxembourg
Austria	Malta
Andorra	Moldova
Belgium	Monaco
Bosnia and Herzegovina	Netherlands
Bulgaria	Norway
Croatia	Poland
Cyprus	Portugal
Czech Republic	Romania
Denmark	Russian Federation
Estonia	San Marino
Faroe Islands	Slovak Republic
Finland	Slovenia
France	South Africa
Germany	Spain
Greece	Sweden
Greenland	Switzerland
Hungary	Turkey
Iceland	Ukraine
Ireland	United Kingdom
Israel	Vatican City
Italy	former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia
Latvia	
Liechtenstein	