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Summary:

As part of a regular review we have identified further places in IARU Region-1 VHF/UHF/Microwave Band Plans that are in need of relatively small updates, such as editorials or the removal of obsolete designations. We have collated proposals for these in this paper.

Background

In previous reviews and IARU-R1 meetings, specific mode designations for RTTY, Fax etc have been removed in favour of a more generic approach.

We are also keen to avoid segments that have unnecessary restrictions and may inadvertently harm activity.

We therefore believe further progress can be made to simplify and update the current band plans as per the proposals below

Proposals:

- 1) **PSK31:** Remove specific assignments at 432.088, 1296.138, 2320.138 MHz – enabling all MGM to have equal priority (noting that PSK31 at 144.138 was removed at Landshut)
- 2) **70cms/EME:** Remove the EME CW-only segment in 70cm to create a merged block for all activity at 432.000-432.100 MHz - simplifying the band plan and enabling EME to also use MGM
- 3) **2.3GHz:** Remove Telegraphy 'Exclusive' at 2320.000-2320.150 and enable MGM as well (or adopt the all-modes approach in the broader RSGB Microwave Paper)
- 4) **EU Frequency Footnotes:** Update all information/references to the latest CEPT ECA definitions/changes for 70MHz, 3.4, 5, 10, 76 GHz. Noting that:-
 - CEPT EU_n are now called ECA_n. Scope is ECA9, 17, 23 and 35
 - Consideration of amateurs weak signals in 3.4 GHz has sadly been removed from ECA17

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