

QUESTIONNAIRE

concerning the issuance of amateurs' certificates and licences in electronic format

Each CEPT Administration is invited to express their opinions on the following issues:

1. Does your Administration take into consideration the issuance of the amateurs' certificates and licences in electronic format? If yes, please provide further information.

☒ Yes

☐ No

Details:

We have issued online licences since 2005. We receive examination information electronically. We issue paper licences only if specifically requested.

2. Does your Administration agree with such an electronic format, and even if you do not intend to use it, will your Administration recognize such documents issued by other CEPT Administrations? If yes, please provide further information.

☒ Yes

☐ No

Details:

We can see merit in a specimen of each country's amateur radio licence and HAREC being available on the CEPT website. This will help other administrations verify the validity of documents.

3. In your opinion, what is the file format that is more suited for issuing these documents in electronic format? Furthermore, what document security method do you consider is more appropriate? Please provide a short description of the advantages offered by them.

☒ Yes

☐ No

Details:

We simply make a PDF file available for the individual licensee to download. While PDFs can be edited (and are thus not full proof), we can verify details, should there be any uncertainty.

4. In your opinion, could it be useful to include a QR code in the electronic format? If you deem such a code a good idea, please suggest alternative barcodes that could be included.

☐ Yes

☒ No

Details:

We would not seek to mandate a barcode or QR code. If administrations wish to include one for their own purposes, then this should not be disallowed.

5. Does your Administration support this initiative at CEPT level, for the migration to digitally signed documents to be accomplished in a timely and effective manner?

☐ Yes

☒ No

Details:

The delivery of licences is a matter for individual administrations. While acknowledging Annex 1 of T/R 61-01, the format of an amateur radio licence, too, is a matter for individual administrations.

Electronic documents should be available for radio amateurs as an option. While they might be promoted, they should not be the sole option. Any changes to licensing systems take time and cost money. In the absence of a very persuasive business case (and noting that we believe that our licensing system delivers what we need), it would be hard to justify the changes that would be needed to our licensing system or the investment in them.