Amateur Radio in Brazil during World Cup 2014

Foreigner amateur radio operators gained easier access to operate in the country Brazilians stations received special call sign formats

Brazil will hold from June 12 to July 13 the FIFA's World Cup 2014. Twelve cities around the country will host the matches embracing 32 national squads.

It's expected more than 600.000 visitors only for the event, and some of then are not only soccer fans, but also avid amateur radio operators! Thinking on that subject and such important special event, LABRE (the Brazilian national amateur radio association) asked to Anatel (the Brazilian telecommunication agency) to facilitate the permission to the foreigner amateur radio operator transmit in the country during the event.

On last April 29; the president of Anatel, Mr. João Batista Resende, signed the normative Act n. 4926 establishing:

- The foreigner radio amateur operators who wish to operate in Brazil from June 01 to July 03, 2014 must send to LABRE the following documents:
- Copy of a valid passport (identification pages);
- Copy of amateur radio license of his/her country;
- List of cities in which he/she intends to operate and the respective periods;
- Email address for contact.
- The documents must be scanned and sent to executiva@labre.org.br
- No further requirements or fees were necessarily to obtain the permission.

The Amateur Radio rules in Brazil are based on "Resolução 449" (operational aspects of the service, licensee process, callsign framework, etc) and "Resolução 452" (covering spectrum occupation). As many other countries, Amateur Radio Service in Brazil is divided in 3 classes: A, B and C. They have different privileges to access the spectrum, callsign and powers output. LABRE is the IARU national member association. It's located in Brasilia and on several other State capitals.

Special Callsigns

According the same act, any Brazilian amateur radio station gained the option to transmit from June 12 to July 13, 2014 (the period of the World Cup) with special callsign formed by it's own usual letters, but with double numbers of the prefix, without any further requirements or fees to be sent or paid to Anatel.

For example: PY2AA, the usual callsign of LABRE's station in Sao Paulo, can be used as PY22AA during the World Cup.

If and only if Brazil wins the World Cup, any Brazilian amateur radio station can be operated from July 13 to August 31, 2014 with special callsign formed by it's own usual letters, but with 6 added to the numbers, also without any further requirements or fees to be sent or paid to Anatel.

For example: PY2AA, can be changed to PY**26**AA. The number 6 is relative to the possible sixth title of Brazil on World Cups.

Brazil, The Football Land!

LABRE also will promote a new award called "Brazil Terra do Futebol" (Brazil, The Football Land). Only contacts between June 01 and July 30 will be valid. Twelve key stations will use **ZX14** prefix and fifteen special stations will use **ZY14** prefix. The award has 3 categories:

Bronze	Silver	Gold
4 key stations ZX14	8 key stations ZX14	All 12 key stations ZX14
5 special stations ZY14	10 special stations ZY14	All 15 special stations ZY14
25 others stations from Brazil	50 others stations from Brazil	80 stations from Brazil

Interesting to note that we will have only one special or key station per state, so who can work all 12 key stations ZX14 and all 15 special stations ZY14, will be ready to obtain another award, the **Worked All Brazil**

(WAB).

Brazil made a similar successful event this year to celebrate the 80 years of the unification of regional amateur radio clubs to the formation of an unified national representation for the amateur radio: LABRE. During the celebration, stations ZZ80 were heard in several bands from all 27 Brazilian states.

For more informations on "Brazil Terra do Futebol" (Brazil, The Football Land) and WAB, visit the LABRE's website: http://www.labre.org.br

LABRE was engaged with ANATEL for months to define the basis of these programs. Orlando Perez Filho (PT2OP, CEO of LABRE) and Gustavo de Faria Franco (PT2ADM, president of LABRE's council), considered the activities good opportunities for amateur radio community increase the number of radio contacts, stimulate WPX types of awards and promote the international goodwill on Amateur Radio along with this very special sportive event.

Don't miss the match and stay tune!

June, 01 to July, 30: "Brazil Terra do Futebol" (stations ZX14 and ZY14);

June, 01 to July, 31: Easy conditions for foreigner amateur radio operation in Brazil;

June, 12 to July, 13: Easy conditions for special calls (double number) for Brazilian amateur radio stations:

July, 13 – August, 31: Possible easy conditions for special call (adding number 6) for Brazilian amateur radio stations (If Brazil wins the world cup; Let's hope, HI!)

In case of intentional RFI received in Brazil...



Anatel teams will be stayed at the stadiums and in the International Broadcast Centre (IBC) for fast response to any RFI originated inside and the vicinity of the stadiums. Informations at: http://tinyurl.com/anatel-rfi-en

Anatel made a special website for major sportive events occurring in Brazil. Check at: http://tinyurl.com/anatel-events-en

IARU Monitoring System in Brazil also opens an interactive home page for receives informations: http://tinyurl.com/labre-iaru-ms

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