# **TELECOMMUNICATIONS**

# Alien Amateur Radio Operators

Agreement Between the UNITED STATES OF AMERICA and TURKEY

Effected by Exchange of Notes Signed at Ankara November 27, 1996



### NOTE BY THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Pursuant to Public Law 89–497, approved July 8, 1966 (80 Stat. 271; 1 U.S.C. 113)—

". . . the Treaties and Other International Acts Series issued under the authority of the Secretary of State shall be competent evidence . . . of the treaties, international agreements other than treaties, and proclamations by the President of such treaties and international agreements other than treaties, as the case may be, therein contained, in all the courts of law and equity and of maritime jurisdiction, and in all the tribunals and public offices of the United States, and of the several States, without any further proof or authentication thereof."

## **TURKEY**

**Telecommunications: Alien Amateur Radio Operators** 

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# REPUBLIC OF TURKEY MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS

Ankara, November 27, 1996

Excellency,

I have the honor to refer to the recent discussions held between the representatives of the Government of the Republic of Turkey and of the Government of the United States of America concerning an agreement between the two governments authorizing reciprocal treatment for amateur radio operators in the two countries. The Government of Turkey proposes that an agreement with respect to this matter is as follows:

- 1. A citizen who is licensed by his government as an amateur radio operator and who operates an amateur radio station licensed by such government shall be permitted by the other government, on a reciprocal basis and subject to the conditions stated below, to operate such a station in the territory of such other government.
- 2. The citizen who is licensed by this government as an amateur radio operator shall, before being permitted to operate his station as provided for in paragraph 1, obtain from the appropriate administrative agency of the other government an authorization for that purpose. The table below provides a list of equivalences between the Turkish and the U.S. radio licenses when an amateur operator licensed by the United States is operating in Turkey. When an amateur operator licensed by Turkey is operating in the United States, the operator privileges shall be those of the license issued by Turkey, not to exceed the control operator privileges of an Extra Class operator.

United States of America	Turkey
Extra, Advanced Classes	A Class
General, Novice, Technician (Code) Classes	B Class
Technician (No Code) Class	C Class

His Excellency Marc Grossman Ambassador of the US to Turkey 3. The appropriate administrative agency of each government may issue an authorization, as prescribed in paragraph 2, under such conditions and terms as it may prescribe, including the right of cancellation at the convenience of the issuing government at any time. For purposes of identifying the foreign amateur radio operator, the Turkish Ministry of Communications may issue call signs on a temporary basis, to a foreign amateur radio operator residing in or visiting Turkey. In the United States, the Federal Communications Commission requires that a station transmitting under authority of a reciprocal license be identified in accordance with the provisions of Section 97.119(f) of its Rules.

I have further the honor to propose that the present Note and your Excellency's Note indicating the concurrence of the Government of the United States of America, shall constitute an agreement between the two governments, which will enter into force on the date of your Excellency's reply and may be terminated by either government upon six months written notice.

I avail myself of this opportunity to extend to your Excellency the assurance of my highest consideration.

Oğuz Tezmen Undersecretary, Ministry of Transport

### The American Ambassador to the Turkish Under Secretary, Ministry of Transportation

### AMBASSADOR OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA ANKARA, TURKEY

#### 27 November 1996

### Excellency:

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your Note of this date, proposing an agreement between the Governments of the United States of America and the Republic of Turkey concerning the reciprocal granting of authorizations to permit licensed amateur radio operators of either country to operate their stations in the other country, in accordance with the provisions of Article 32 of the Radio Regulations.

Pursuant to Sections 303(L)(3) and 310(C) of the Communications Act of 1934 as amended (47 U.S.C. 303(L)(3), 310(C)), the Government of the United States of America confirms its agreement with the text of your Note, as follows:

[For text of the Turkish note, see pp. 2-3.]

I have the further honor to confirm that this exchange of Notes constitutes an agreement between the two governments, which enters into force on the date of this Note and may be terminated by either government upon six months' written notice.

I take this opportunity to extend to your Excellency the assurance of my highest consideration.

Sincerely, Marc Grossman

His Excellency
Oğuz Tezmen,
Under Secretary,
Ministry of Transportation,
Ankara, Turkey.

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