By means of this letter the Bureau Telecommunicatie en Post (hereinafter, the BT&P) would like to call your attention for the following.

As of October 10, 2010, the Netherlands Antilles as an autonomous part of the Kingdom of the Netherlands ceased to exist and the islands of Curacao and the Dutch territory of St. Maarten each became separate autonomous entities within the Kingdom of the Netherlands. The islands of Bonaire, St. Eustatius and Saba each became special municipalities of the Netherlands. The status of the island of Aruba has remained unchanged in this new structure of the Kingdom of the Netherlands.

Due to this restructuring of the Caribbean part of the Kingdom, the contents of this letter will only apply to Curacao. The telecommunication administrations of St. Maarten and of Bonaire, St. Eustatius and Saba will be informed of this letter’s contents. These administrations will inform CEPT on their own terms, regarding their participation in the CEPT T/R 61-01 agreement.

That being said the BT&P would like to confirm the continued participation of the island of Curacao in the CEPT radio amateur license agreement T/R 61-01 (Nice 1985, Paris 1992, Nicosia 2003).

The radio amateur legislation of Curacao namely “Landsbesluit radioamateurs” (PB 1999, no. 209) identifies four license types, namely “A”, “B”, “C” and “N” and still contains the requirement to demonstrate the ability to send and receive texts in Morse code. However, the implementation of this requirement has been dropped in practice with government consent. Consequently, the BT&P has officially granted the same operating privileges belonging to the “A” and “B” licenses, to holders of a category “C” license.
This is due to the fact that the technical requirements for the “A”, “B” and “C” licenses are the same. Please note however that the necessary preparations are being made to fully revise and update the current radio amateur legislation.

The current “A”, “B” and “C” licenses are Curaçao’s equivalent to the CEPT “Full” license, while the “N” license corresponds to the CEPT “Novice” license.

Visiting radio amateurs must use their national call sign preceded by the call sign prefix PJ2 while operating from Curaçao.

Foreign radio amateurs may use their own radio equipment on Curaçao, subject to the following conditions:
- the radio amateur operator shall observe ITU regulations, CEPT 61-01 recommendations and local telecommunication and radio amateur regulations;
- all restrictions concerning national and local conditions of a technical nature or regarding public authorities shall be respected;
- the radio amateur operator shall pay attention to the radio amateur bands allocated to the amateur service for the full and novice license categories while operating on Curaçao.

Documents describing the requirements of the national license class and privileges are enclosed with this confirmation.

I trust to have submitted satisfactory information for the purpose of processing our confirmation. Hoping to receive your qualification at your earliest convenience, I remain.

Yours truly,

The director Bureau Telecommunicatie en Post

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Encl: Radio amateur legislation (“landsbesluit radioamateurs”, P.B. no. 209)
Radio amateur examination rules

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