

# **CFARS POLICY**

**1. National Defence Headquarters fully supports the development and promotion of CFARS as well as amateur radio activities to enhance their application and promote viable personal and public oriented communications means.**

**2. The Director General Information Services Operations (DGISO) at National Defence Headquarters Tunneys is the co-ordinating agency for the organization and the establishment of military and amateur affiliated CFARS stations. DGISO is also the agency which ensures that proper liaison is maintained with recognized Amateur Radio organizations and the Department of Communications on matters concerning the CFARS program.**

**3. Establishment of CFARS installations and operation on foreign soil shall be governed by applicable agreement between the Canadian Military Contingent or unit commander and the host country authorities.**

**4. DGISO is the authority for the command and control of the CFARS. As such, he acts as the executive agent for the support, co-ordination and execution of the CFARS program for all geographical areas. He ensures the integration of requirements and plans into the total CFARS program.**

**5. As the authority responsible for the success of the CFARS program, DGISO shall, as required, continue to develop, co-ordinate and disseminate policies, directives and procedures concerning administrative, operational, logistical and training matters and maintain liaison with the Canadian Government and DND regulatory agencies on matters pertaining to the operation of CFARS.**

**6. As with other means of military communications, reliability, security and speed are the three fundamental requirements of the CFARS. Reliability shall always be considered before security and speed.**

**7. Common sense and good judgement must prevail in the planning and conduct of the CFARS communications. The correct use of procedures established in this manual is essential to the effective management and operation of CFARS.**

## **LETTER OF AGREEMENT WITH IC - 25 FEB 80**

**1. The following letter under IC file 6202-7-1 (DOS-P-O) dated February 25, 1980 was sent to the Director Frequency Spectrum Management and is quoted in paras 2 to 4 below. The letter was signed by Mr. L.V. Decloux, the Acting Director, Operations Branch, Telecommunication Regulatory Service.**

**2. "The importance of the Canadian Forces Affiliate Radio System (CFARS) has been clearly demonstrated during the year it has operated on a trial basis. As well, CFARS has demonstrated its capability to operate without causing interference to other services.**

**3. "Therefore, as discussed at the meeting with you and members of this Department, February 18, 1980, we are authorizing the operation of the Canadian Forces Affiliate Radio System in consideration of the following:**

**a. It will be operated as a Canadian military communication service.**

**b. All communications shall be of a personal or welfare nature.**

**c. The number of affiliate stations is to be limited to seventy-five. (This number was later increased to one hundred in a IC letter dated 3 Jun 81.)**

**d. The Department of National Defence will inform the Director of Operations, Industry Canada of the name and address of all operators participating in this service, their amateur call sign and their military call sign. All additions, deletions or site relocation's will be forwarded immediately.**

**e. Affiliate members may only use those emissions associated with the nearest amateur band in accordance with their amateur station licence and radio operator's certificate.**

**f. DND must ensure that all affiliate members hold a valid amateur station licence.**

**g. Operation from foreign countries is limited to Canadian operated stations located on Canadian Armed Forces Bases in such countries.**

**h. The CFARS service shall operate on assigned frequencies only.**

**j. Industry Canada reserves the right to examine the CFARS operation, and amend or withdraw this authorization.**

**k. Any changes to the CFARS operation must be approved by the Director of Operations, Industry Canada.**

**4. "I wish to thank you and the members of your Department for the co-operation extended to us in the development of this authorization."**

