

Dorna Sports, S.L.
STA Application
0341-EX-ST-2017
Frequency Coordination Exhibit
Austin, Texas MotoGP Grand Prix Motorcycle Race
Circuit of the Americas Race Course
April 17, 2017 through April 23, 2017

This application (*which is similar to previous granted STAs in 2013, 2014, 2015 and 2016* (See 0242-EX-ST-2013; WI9XMD, File No. 0266-EX-ST-2015; and WJ9XPR, 0320-EX-ST-2016), proposes the use of unused television broadcast channels; amateur radio and land mobile radio channels, and microwave broadcast auxiliary channels in the limited area of the Circuit of the Americas Motor Speedway in Austin, Texas for a limited time in April of this year. The purpose of this STA is for two-way operational, race team and pit crew communications, security communications, video production and wireless microphones during the international MotoGP Grand Prix Motorcycle race event and for testing and race qualifications prior to the race event. The applicant will coordinate with the SBE frequency coordinator for the Austin market and with Circuit of the Americas' on-site frequency coordinator. The applicant will make no use of channels in use by on-air television stations, Class A TV or low-power TV stations on the subject channels within a 50 km radius of the proposed operation area. However, should any television broadcast station or viewer report interference during the proposed operations, operation on that channel will immediately cease and not resume unless and until the interference complaint is resolved. No interference has been reported from any source in the past four years of operation at this same venue.

The stop-buzzer contact for this proposed operation is Mr. Michel Aran. His mobile telephone number is +33 670 867 631. Should a U.S. telephone number be required, the mobile number for undersigned counsel can be used: 301-351-3795.

This application also proposes the use of land mobile and Amateur Radio frequencies for international race team operations, for video production and for telemetry. The use of amateur allocations in this STA application at has been coordinated with the American Radio Relay League, Incorporated and the local amateur radio frequency coordinator, the Texas VHF-FM Society. Channels in the 411-418 MHz and 450-470 MHz band to be utilized during the race event have been investigated and monitored by Dorna Sports, S.L. technical staff and independent contractors and found to be unoccupied. Frequency coordinators on behalf of Circuit of the Americas will be on site during the race and channel monitoring and on-site frequency coordination will ensure against any interference. Given the location of these events, it is anticipated that no interference will be caused to any Amateur Radio, land mobile or broadcast auxiliary operations. Upon receipt of any complaint of interference from a licensed Amateur Radio user, land mobile licensee or broadcast entity (or otherwise), operation pursuant to this STA will cease on

the channel complained about, and will not resume unless and until the interference complaint is resolved satisfactorily to the licensee.

The same policy will apply to any use of the 2180-2290 MHz channels. With respect to the 2180-2290 MHz band, this was approved for use at Austin, Texas during November of 2012 for a Formula One automobile race and in prior STAs for the identical motorcycle race at that same venue without any interference whatsoever. This band will be used only for short distance video transmission from RF Cameras at low power.

This year, the STA application includes a request for use of the band 862-869 MHz. The need is for the use of only four paired, 12.5 kHz bandwidth channels in this band for the purpose of operating what is referred to as a “chase cam” which is used in Europe. In this configuration, two motorcycles in the race are linked by transmitting GPS coordinates to the other so that the onboard camera can follow (track) the other motorcycle with video. This feature is unique in this motorsport, and is an important enhancement for the viewer of the televised race. The band is the E-SMR band, and only four paired, narrowband channels are necessary, anywhere in that frequency range. The transmit power will be 20 dBm. If this can be accommodated, it would be extremely helpful. If the four channels must be specified, examples would include 863.05/868.05 MHz, 863.25/868.25 MHz, 863.45/868.45 MHz, and 863.65/868.65 MHz.

Communications on site, and all stop buzzer contacts should be directed to Mr. Michel Aran at the number above. That and all other communications can be directed as well to the office of counsel for Dorna Sports, S.L.:

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