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| **Importance:** | High |

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10-10-10 Groups and Interested Parties:

Yesterday evening I forwarded a report from Geoff W0CG/PJ2DX on the information he learned during his visit to the Bureau Telecommunicatie (BT) on Curacao yesterday afternoon. BT issues licenses for all of the Dutch Antilles islands, under contract for the other islands.

Included in that report was a comment on the 'PJ7E' callsign, which used the unfortunate and inaccurate word "illegal". That usage was not intended to reflect poorly on the Amateur team going to St. Maarten: they applied for the 'PJ7E' callsign and paid the fee on St. Maarten, and had been assured verbally the license would be issued to them. The application has been forwarded to BT on Curacao, and W8GEX confirmed by telephone that BT had the material in hand. The licensing authority on Curacao was surprised about this when Geoff mentioned it, and so has not yet signed the approval. This is not too surprising, since (as stated in the information sent yesterday) there is a hold on issuing *all* radio related applications until they have clarification on whether the 'PJ' prefix will continue to be available.

Please be assured that that comment was not intended to suggest that anyone in the 'PJ7E' group did anything wrong: they did not. If the statement gave that impression, we apologize!

There is confusion in the various arms of the license bureau (and other agencies) in the Antilles in this period leading to the 10-10-10 transition. I have little doubt that the 'PJ7E' call will be available to the W8GEX/K9CT group when the dust settles (assuming the PJ prefix block is still available to be used by any of us!).

With Geoff W0CG/PJ2DX, I've revised the last paragraph in the "Press Notice" to more accurately reflect the information received yesterday. This revised version is below. If you wish to forward or quote from the material, please use this revised version!

As DXCC credit for our operations will depend on the licenses used being properly approved at the time of the operation, it is important that the correct paperwork with the correct approvals be in hand before our October 10 start dates. We must all stay attentive to the licensing issues as some degree of order (hopefully) comes out of the current chaos.

As Geoff reported, we are awaiting official word from BT on whether they can issue the PJ-prefixed callsigns for use after 10-10-10. When we learn something, we will let you all know!

73, Jeff K8ND

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From: Geoff Howard
Sent: Tuesday, September 14, 2010 7:46 PM
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Subject: Press Notice (Corrected)

I visited this afternoon with licensing officials at the office of Bureau Telecommnicatie on Curacao. They

were as accommodating as possible, but are unable at present to approve any callsign requests anywhere in the Netherlands Antilles for post 10-10-10. This is because the PJ prefix administratively vanishes at the moment on 10 October that the sovereign nation of the Netherlands Antilles dissolves.

Meetings are occurring in Europe this week to determine whether the PJ prefix will be renewed post 10-10-10 or whether Curacao and the other new entities will be assigned new prefixes. They have high confidence that this issue will be settled by Thursday afternoon and asked me to phone them then. (From my long experience here, I am not as optimistic as they that this will happen Thursday.) The bureau is pressing hard for the PJ prefix to be retained, but the outcome will be determined on the continent.

Until the new prefix is known, they have frozen paperwork for aviation, maritime, and other radio administrative actions for the moment.

They officials did tell me that they are likely to act favorably on the applications I handed them for 10 day special event callsigns for the 10-10-10 event, but can't do so until they know the prefixes.

I asked about the assignment of PJ7E and they told me that this callsign has not been issued; that they did not sign out that letter and that any document from any other source is non-binding.

- Geoff, PJ2DX, W0CG
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