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To the Executive Directors of IARU Member Societies

Greetings from Canada. This enquiry comes to you from a group of concerned Canadian amateurs who seek change in the way our licensing authority (Industry Canada) grants special callsigns for temporary use. We are contacting you because we observe that in your country, there appears to be a liberalization of the regulations such that special callsigns seem relatively easy to obtain. We base this observation on the many 2x1 and occasional 1x1 callsigns we encounter during international contest events and local commemorative events such as anniversaries.

Historically, regulatory agencies in most countries have been rather conservative in this area and have resisted change. Canada remains conservative, despite some recent improvement. The recent initiative by our IARU member society, *Radio Amateurs of Canada*, appears to have fallen somewhat short of the expectations of many.

We would like to know how you achieved this liberalization in your country. While the bureaucracy in each country represents a different set of challenges, we hope to learn from the collective experience of IARU member societies and try once again to convince our licensing authority that liberalization can be good for all concerned if done properly.

Your input will be most appreciated.  
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