

HRD Logbook

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Using the country files and manager

The problem:

- DXCC entities are always changing and need constant update.
- Unique call signs are another ever changing scene with special calls like K5D being used to activate different locations on different dates.
- Accurate recording and lookup of special calls and generic calls must be 100% accurate for correct award tracking and claiming.

Solution:

- To provide regularly updated country and unique call sign files for download. These files are updated daily, if not more frequently, by K7PT and available on his web site at www.k7pt.com/hrd.htm.
- Provide a *Unique Call Manager* in the *Countries Manager* window for user updates and unique call file loading.
- Ensure countries lookup in the countries file, Lookup window, ALE window and DX cluster all reflect the same current and accurate information.

Using the updated files

This database contains unique call signs used by various operations going back to 1970. In this database each call sign has a check box to enable or disable the call (see below for explanation). Active call signs have the enable box set to 1 for enable. Inactive call signs are set to 0 (zero) or disable.

After installing HRD Build 2493 and later, you will need to download the Unique Call Sign File saving it as an .xml file to your desktop then:

1. Open the HRD Logbook
2. Open the Country Manager window
3. Select "Unique Calls"
4. Select "Load"
5. Locate and select the Unique Call file on your desktop
6. Click "OK"
7. Click "OK" again

The Unique Call Sign database has now been installed for use in your logbook and all functions of HRD.

The user can enable or disable individual calls by setting the Enable and Disable option.

Enable means that the call will display the country/entity for it in the cluster spot window and look ups. Disable inhibits the calls usage.

Note:

The enable/disable has no effect on previously logged QSOs.

Next steps.

Provide Entity detail and active dates in all lookup possibilities.

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