



## STATEMENT FROM DXRC

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### Regarding Ham Prefix "HV" and 11meter DXCC "138".

Delta-Xray Radio Club follows the HAM world's DXCC entity system. At 11 meter we transform the HAM DXCC's to numbers. As example, Vatican City State is named "HV" in the Ham world and holds the DXCC number "138" at 11meter.

Wherever "HV" is the right legal prefix for the HAM-world, DXRC accepts the use of 11meter DXCC number "138".

This obviously means that radio transmissions taking place from "HV" of course are accepted for DXCC 138 by Delta-Xray Radio Club.

The DXCC system was founded in 1935 and its history is explained at ARRL's homepage: <http://www.arrl.org/dxccrules>

Today the system is maintained by the International Telecommunication Union (ITU)

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/ITU\\_prefix](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/ITU_prefix) and ITU have granted the Prefix "HV" to Vatican City State.

There are at least two callsigns (similar to club stations) active from Vatican City State: HV4NAC and HV5PUL, these are recognised by the entire HAM world to be stations transmitting from the Vatican City State and valid for awards, DXCC etc.

Both of these two stations are used mainly by guest operators.

HV4NAC is the callsign for the station at Vatican "North American College" (Pontifical North American College)

<http://www.pnac.org/>. HV5PUL is the station at Vatican Pontifical Lateran University ([http://www.pul.it/?page\\_id=275&lang=en](http://www.pul.it/?page_id=275&lang=en))

These 2 stations are both physically OUTSIDE the "classic" Vatican walls. But radio wise this is no problem, since "HV" is valid to use from a few other areas than the "classic" Vatican, which includes the grounds where NAC and PUL are situated and for instance also the grounds where "Radio Vatican" have their huge broadcast antenna system.

NAC is approx. 350 meters from "classic" Vatican; PUL is approx. 4 km. from "classic" Vatican and Radio Vatican have their antenna system approx. 18 km from "classic" Vatican.

HAM radio transmissions from these places are all within the DXCC entity "HV" - and therefore valid at 11meter as "138".

Access to these places is impossible due to high walls, guards and heavily active police. Access is of course OK if invited...!

Notice that "HV" covers the full area of NAC, PUL and Radio Vatican, not only a radio room, the roof or similar limitations. There are no physical limitations which mean that the entire area behind the gate of for instance NAC is "HV"-land, also the car park area, the football field, the tennis area etc.

In fact, the extraterritorial area covers several buildings on Gianicolo hill, also comprises all of the parking lots, sports complex and green areas of PNAC, all are reachable only by passing security controls.

It is interesting also to state that for many years there have been no resident HAM's or club stations that has transmitting from INSIDE "classic" Vatican City State. All fully recognised HV-transmitting have been from OUTSIDE "classic" Vatican City for many years.

Some might ask: Is it true that one can be outside "classic" Vatican, yet still use a HV-callsign? The answer is yes...

If you have doubts, please just search at internet...

Start understanding about "Holy See" and Vatican City State.

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