## Legal Information regarding Broadband-Hamnet™

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Broadband-Hamnet<sup>™</sup> is intended for amateur radio use and passing amateur radio traffic. It is NOT intended to replace your personal Internet connection. It is a "feature" that Broadband-Hamnet<sup>™</sup>

can be connected to the Internet. General Internet access is not its primary purpose. Use your personal Internet connection under Part-15 FCC rules, to serve that purpose.

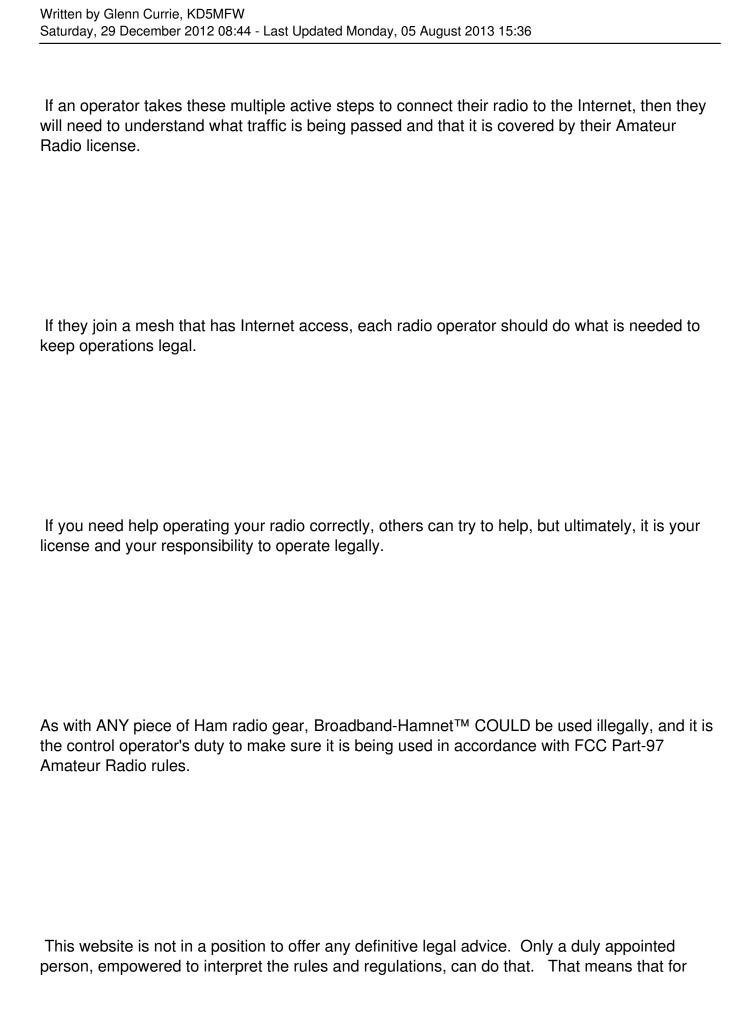
There are many ways to use Broadband-Hamnet<sup>™</sup>, in compliance with Amateur Radio Part-97 FCC rules - without connecting to the Internet. The system is designed to be a robust, stand alone wireless network - that CAN be connected to the Internet.

If an operator connects their mesh network to the Internet, here are some ways, under FCC Part-97 rules, that it can be used: Echolink, Winlink/RMS Packet, tunnel meshing, remote control of radios/equipment, video relay, VoIP connections, APRS.

The operator of a mesh node has to make an active software configuration selection to pass Internet traffic onto the mesh network. Providing an Internet link is NOT the default mode in the Broadband-Hamnet™

software. Additionally, the operator must attach a live Internet connection to the mesh node to pass Internet traffic.

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