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Dear Licence Holder,

CHANGES THAT WILL AFFECT YOUR RADIOCOMMUNICATIONS LICENCES IN THE 800 MHz BAND

You have been identified as the holder of apparatus licence(s) operating in the 800 MHz band that will be affected by regulatory changes taking place between 2019 and 2024. These changes must be made by specified milestone dates, the first of which is 30 June 2019. If you do not meet the requirements of a milestone, you will be required to cease operations.

It is important that you act on this advice.

Affected licensees are responsible for ensuring that the operation of their radio equipment complies with all applicable milestone requirements and timelines. Unless you make the changes necessary to meet milestone requirements, your radiocommunications licence(s) will not be renewed or reissued after the compliance date for the milestone. Please ensure this letter is forwarded to the person within your organisation responsible for radiocommunications services.

Why are the changes happening?

The ACMA review of the 803-960 MHz band to facilitate new and emerging technologies and maximise public usage concluded in November 2015 with the release of a decision paper setting out the proposed changes in a staged implementation plan. The implementation plan is focussed on changes to the way fixed and land mobile services operate in the 800 MHz band (803-890 MHz).

What is changing and when?

Implementation of new arrangements in 800 MHz band will take place between 2019 and 2024 with different compliance end dates for different frequency ranges:

- 30 June 2019 (849-852 MHz)
- 30 June 2021 (852-857 MHz paired with 928-933 MHz)
- 30 June 2024 (820-825 MHz paired with 865-870 MHz and 857-865 MHz)

Existing licensees will need to cease operating in those bands by the compliance end dates.

For information on how your licences might be affected, please visit the ACMA 800 MHz webpage: <http://www.acma.gov.au/800MHzTechnical>

Why it is important that you act on this advice now

If you hold apparatus licence(s) in the 800 MHz band, it is important that you are aware of the necessary requirements you must meet, so you can comply with the relevant milestones, so make sure you are ready to make changes before then.

When do you need to make changes?

Licensees will have until their final licence expiry date prior to the compliance end date to comply with the relevant milestone. In a separate mail out, an option will be presented to the licensee to extend their final licence expiry date to align with the compliance end date of their relevant milestones.

Making changes to your licence(s)?

Before you make the necessary changes to your equipment to meet your compliance requirements, appropriate changes will need to be made to your licence(s). If you are surrendering your old licence that is no longer required, please advise the ACMA (info@acma.gov.au) of your associated client and licence number(s) being surrendered. You may require the assistance of an Accredited Person if you are applying for a new licence or amending your existing licence.

A list of accredited persons and their contact details is available at:
<http://www.acma.gov.au/accreditedpersonslist>

Need more information?

Further information on the changes in the 800 MHz band can be found at the 800 MHz website www.acma.gov.au/800MHz. For more detailed information, specific to your transition requirements, use our online search tool entering your client or licence number. <http://web.acma.gov.au/800MHzSearch>

The ACMA will be hosting an 800 MHz Tune-up on these changes on the 31 October 2017 at the ACMA's Sydney Office. Please visit <http://www.acma.gov.au/theacma/800mhz tuneup> if you would like to attend this free information session about changes in the 800 MHz band. The Tune-up will also be available by video conference at ACMA offices in Brisbane, Canberra and Melbourne.

Contact us

If you have any queries about this information please contact us on 1300 850 115 or email us directly at 800MHzImplementation@acma.gov.au

Yours sincerely
800 MHz Project Team
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