

Notification of Amendment to Class License for Short Range Devices (SRD)

A) BASIS AND PURPOSE OF THE AMENDMENT:

1. On May 30, 2010, the Regulatory Authority (ictQATAR) published a Class License for the operation of Short Range Devices (SRD), which is currently in operation for the use of SRDs;
2. The Communications Regulatory Authority (CRA) has decided to improve on the existing Class License pursuant to various clarifications from the public in relation to the operation and type approval process for SRDs.
3. This amendment contains a revised Annexure 2 that provides a clear and concise explanation of which frequency ranges apply to various equipment and devices.

B) LEGAL BASIS OF THE AMENDMENT:

1. The existing Class License for SRD's (dated May 30, 2010) was issued pursuant to Article 31 of the Executive By-Law for Telecommunications No. 1 of 2009;
2. Article 31 of the Executive By-Law empowered the ictQATAR to establish terms and conditions of all Licensees and to monitor compliance of Licensees with the terms and conditions of their Licenses. This provision also enables ictQATAR to establish the criteria through the Radio Spectrum Regulations in order to determine what radio spectrum should be made available for common use and this may be awarded by means of a class license;
3. In February 2014, Emiri Decision No.42 of 2014 (Decision) was issued establishing the Communications Regulatory Authority (CRA). In terms of Article 4 (9) of this Decision, the CRA is mandated to "set conditions and criteria for licensing and approval for telecommunications and information technology services, access to digital media, the use of frequencies and the issuance of related Licenses and approvals; and ensure compliance with its conditions."
4. In addition to the above provisions, Article 14 (4) of the Decision further empowers the CRA to "develop necessary regulations and procedures for licensing, amending, renewal, and revocation of spectrum licenses."
5. The CRA therefore exercises its powers in terms of the provisions set out above to make the necessary amendment to the existing terms and conditions of the Class License for SRDs.

C) CONTENT OF THE AMENDMENT:

1. The initial Class License for SRD's issued on the May 30, 2010 contained an Annexure (2);
2. This Annexure is being replaced with an updated Annexure (2);
3. The amended annexure sets out more detailed categories of equipment and applications according to the respective frequency ranges;
4. The amendment modifies equipment categories by adding reference standards, which were not in the original annexure, to align it with the type approval guidelines.
5. The amended annexure contains paragraph 3 which has additional applications of radio Communications Equipment;
6. All other existing terms and conditions shall continue to apply as in the Class License dated May 30, 2010.
7. This amendment has no material change or impact on persons operating under the existing Class License.

D) CONSULTATION PERIOD:

1. The amended schedule shall be open for consultation for a period of 30 days from the date of this notice;
2. All comments or submissions to the proposed amendments is to be directed to type.approval@cra.gov.qa.
3. The closing date for comments and submission shall be October 21, 2014.

E) EFFECTIVE DATE OF AMENDMENT

The Amendment shall be effective from September 21, 2014.
The Amended Class Licence shall be published on the website of CRA for the public to ensure compliance and enforcement.

Dated the 21st of September 2014.

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