

MEDIA STATEMENT

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IMPLEMENTATION OF REGULATIONS IN RESPECT OF TYPE APPROVAL AND TECHNICAL STANDARDS FOR TELECOMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT

The Communications Regulatory Authority of Namibia (CRAN) herewith informs all stakeholders that the Type Approval Regulations have become effective and in force on 26 June 2015.

Mr. Jochen Traut, CRAN Acting Chief Executive Officer says, "the public is informed that there is a transitional period within which persons must obtain approval from the Authority in respect of telecommunications equipment. Please note that the transition period commenced on **26 June 2015 and shall lapse on 30 November 2015**".

Traut further says that the Regulations are applicable to, all persons who use, sell, offer for sale or connect telecommunications equipment to an electronic communications network within the Republic of Namibia; All telecommunications equipment used, sold, offered for sale or connected to an electronic communications network within the Republic of Namibia; and All radio communications equipment or apparatus' pursuant to the Regulations regarding Licence Exempt Spectrum published in Government Gazette No. 4839, General Notice No. 395, dated 25 November 2011.

Traut added "the telecommunications equipment that is temporarily imported into Namibia for re-export does not require type approval". For purposes of the Type Approval Regulations, "**Telecommunications equipment**" means communications or networking equipment's with an interface to public network or wide area network services and includes but not limited to the telecommunications terminal equipment, information technology equipment (including but not limited to a digital set-top box decoder), radio communication equipment powered by means of an internal or external electrical AC/DC energy source and electronic communications network equipment.

"It is the responsibility of vendors or equipment suppliers to acquire the necessary type approval, while consumers and resellers must ensure that the telecommunications equipment they purchase is type approved in Namibia" Traut" said.

The application for Type Approval must be made on the relevant form set out in the Regulations in Respect of Type Approval and Technical Standards for Telecommunications Equipment, Traut said.

All applications for Type Approval are to be made either physically or electronically, by hand to the head offices of the Authority, namely Communication House, 56 Robert Mugabe Avenue, Windhoek; or by post to the head offices of the Authority, namely Private Bag 13309, Windhoek 9000; by electronic mail to operations@cran.na. Faxed applications may be forwarded to +264 61 222790; or fax to e-mail to: 0886550852.

Traut further states that the Authority will prosecute noncompliance with the regulations as regulatory offences and enforce the provisions of these regulations in terms of sections 114 and 127 of the Communications Act, Act 8 of 2009.

The Type Approval form, Technical Standards and the full set of regulations can be obtained from the Authority's website at www.cran.na.

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- *Ensure compliance with legislation and regulations*
- *Grant, renew, amend, transfer, suspend and revoke licences*
- *Implement a transparent and fair pricing regime*
- *Respond to consumer complaints*
- *Protect consumers in respect of prices, quality, variety of services and user equipment supplied*
- *Promote competition amongst service providers*
- *Manage spectrum planning and allocation*
- *Ensure telecommunications services are operated in a manner best suited to the economic and social development of Namibia*
- *Establish procedures for ensuring safety and quality of services*
- *Regulate interconnection*
- *Facilitate the negotiation of rights of way*
- *Manage numbering planning and allocation*
- *Facilitate universal service, and Attract foreign direct investment*