

## **CRAN ENCOURAGES ALL MANUFACTURES TO GET TYPE APPROVAL CERTIFICATES**

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The Communications Regulatory Authority of Namibia (CRAN) herewith would like to inform all importers, vendors, patent owners and equipment manufacturers of telecommunication equipment that it is their responsibility to obtain a Type Approval certificate before their goods enter the Republic of Namibia's borders.

Furthermore, the above-mentioned stakeholders need to submit all test reports as outlined in the Type Approval application form. Manufacturers with ICASA certification may submit their certification with the CRAN application form, provided that all required documents are also submitted. It takes 40 days to process the type approval application based on first-come-first-serve, granted that **all** documents have been submitted and application fees paid. The certificate is valid for three years.

"The original equipment manufacturer outside Namibia may provide a letter of authorization to a local or third party to apply on their behalf. The letter of authorization should clearly state the company name that has been granted permission to apply for type approval in the Republic of Namibia on behalf of the equipment manufacturer. Furthermore, the cost per equipment category is outlined in the application form. The telecommunications equipment that is temporarily imported into Namibia for re-export does not require a type approval certificate. Due to variance in reasons for temporary importation, the Authority must receive such a request at least two weeks in advance for consideration;" said Festus K. Mbandeka, Chief Executive Officer of CRAN.

"The final Type Approval regulations were published in the Government Gazette on 30 January 2015. CRAN has extended the initial date for implementation that was set for 3 August 2015 twice, to allow the general public and the ICT industry to familiarise themselves with all the requirements and to ensure compliance with these regulations. The regulations came into effect on 1 November 2016", added Mbandeka.

The purpose of these regulations is -

1. To ensure compliance of telecommunications equipment with international standards applicable in Namibia,
2. Prevent any sub-standard equipment that may present health and safety hazards to consumers from entering and being operated in Namibia,
3. Protect consumers from products that are incompatible with local networks
4. To ensure that the operating frequency of telecommunications equipment generally and radio apparatus specifically are in conformance with the national frequency band plan in Namibia.

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.

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.

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