



CRAN
Communications Regulatory Authority of Namibia

REMARKS BY

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**AT THE COMMUNICATIONS REGULATORY AUTHORITY OF NAMIBIA
(CRAN) AND NAMIBIA REVENUE AGENCY (NAMRA) MEMORANDUM
OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU) SIGNING CEREMONY**

Date: Thursday, 2 February 2023

Venue: NamRA Head Office, 2nd Floor Boardroom,
Ministry of Finance Building

Time: 15h00

- Director of Ceremonies,
- NamRA Commissioner, Mr. Sam Shivute,
- NamRA Executive Management and team,
- CRAN Executive Management and team,
- Esteemed Stakeholders,
- Members of the Media,
- Ladies and Gentlemen,

Good afternoon and thank you Namibia Revenue Agency (NamRA) for hosting us today for the signing of the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between our two institutions, the Communications Regulatory Authority of Namibia (CRAN) and NamRA.

In February 2016, CRAN and the Directorate of Customs and Excise Ministry of Finance, as it was then, concluded an agreement to harmonize the implementation of laws governing the importation of telecommunications equipment into Namibia.

Today, we are renewing our collaboration with NamRA in accordance with the provisions of Section 80 of the Communications Act (No. 8 of 2009) that authorises CRAN to prescribe, implement and enforce reasonable standards applicable to imported telecommunications equipment to ensure against harm to electronic telecommunications and networks and to protect public health and

safety. I am pleased that we are here today to coordinate, harmonise and secure the consistent application of the respective laws governing the import, export and or the manufacturing of telecommunications equipment in our country.

This MoU will establish a framework on equipment approvals and standards at the various border posts within and around the Republic of Namibia and set the agenda for interaction and cooperation between the signatories whilst being mindful of the respective applicable laws.

Director of Ceremonies,

CRAN and NamRA seek through this MoU to promote security and the facilitation of international trade, including the harmonisation of customs procedures for international ordinary mail of the Designated Postal Operator. Furthermore, the two institutions seek to collaborate on research and capacity building initiatives which are aimed at facilitating the lawful and efficient importation of telecommunications equipment and international ordinary mail.

Director of Ceremonies,

The purpose of Type Approval Regulation is to further ensure that telecommunications equipment used in Namibia comply with international standards, and that sub-standard equipment which may present health and safety hazards to consumers, and equipment that

are incompatible with local networks are not operated in the country. Further, the Type Approval Regulations ensures that the general operating frequency of telecommunications equipment and in particular the radio apparatus are in conformance with the national frequency band plan of Namibia to avoid interference with essential services.

To this end, CRAN informs all importers, vendors, patent owners, individuals and equipment manufacturers of telecommunications equipment that it is their responsibility to obtain a Type Approval certificate before their goods enter the borders of the Republic of Namibia.

Director of Ceremonies,

To conclude, allow me to highlight that it is our strategic intent to enter into various smart partnerships that derive benefit for Namibian ICT consumers. To this end and to date CRAN signed MoU's with the Namibia Statistics Agency (NSA), the National Commission on Research, Science and Technology (NCRST), the Namibia Competition Commission (NACC), the Namibian Police Force (NAMPOL), the University of Namibia (UNAM), the University of Science and Technology (NUST), and the International University of Management (IUM) and the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation (UNESCO).

Therefore, CRAN looks forward to a mutually beneficial implementation of this MoU with our esteemed strategic partner NamRA.

I thank you!