

CRAN HOSTS TYPE APPROVAL MEETING IN WALVIS BAY

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The Communications Regulatory Authority of Namibia (CRAN) recently hosted a stakeholder's consultative meeting in Walvis Bay on the Regulations in Respect of Type Approval and Technical Standards for Telecommunications Equipment.

The Regulations are applicable to all telecommunications equipment used, sold, offered for sale or connected to an electronic communications network within Namibia and are applicable to all persons, whether legal or natural persons, and to the state.

"CRAN deemed it necessary to engage stakeholders through a consultative meeting in order to provide the necessary information on the guidelines, procedures and regulations to be adhered on the Type Approval Regulations and Procedures", said Festus K. Mbandeka, Chief Executive Officer.

Mbandeka added that the purpose of these Regulations is to ensure that technical equipment used in Namibia comply with international standards, and that sub-standard equipment which may present health and safety hazards to consumers, and that are incompatible with local networks are not operated in the country. Further, the type approval Regulations ensure that the general operating frequency of telecommunications equipment and in particular the radio apparatus are in conformance with the national frequency band plan in Namibia to avoid interference with essential services.

"Complete type approval applications may be considered within 40 days provided that such applications are complete and submitted on the required Form 1 application document, accompanied by the required documents and upon payment of the applicable application fee." concluded Mbandeka.

Original equipment manufacturers outside Namibia may provide a letter of authorisation to a local or third party to apply on their behalf. The letter of authorisation 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.

Telecommunication equipment that is temporarily imported into Namibia for re-export do 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.

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