

INTERPRETATION OF THE DEFINITION OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT IN TERMS OF THE REGULATIONS IN RESPECT OF TYPE APPROVAL AND TECHNICAL STANDARDS FOR TELECOMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT

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The Communications Regulatory Authority of Namibia (CRAN) published in Government Gazette No. 6588, General Notice No. 177, dated 08 May 2018, a statement of interpretation in respect of the definition of telecommunications equipment as per the Regulations in Respect of Type Approval and Technical Standards for Telecommunications Equipment, Communications Act (No. 8 of 2009).

The aim of the statement is to provide a clear and consistent interpretation of the definition of telecommunications equipment in order to ensure compliance to the Type Approval Regulations, stated Festus K. Mbandeka, Chief Executive Officer, CRAN. Type approval is only required for telecommunications equipment. In terms of the Regulations, telecommunications equipment is defined as *“communications or networking equipment with an interface to public network or wide area network services and includes, but not limited to 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.”*

Thus, equipment which are not telecommunications equipment as per the definition and that do not require type approval, including those listed in Schedule 1 of the Gazette as follows

SCHEDULE 1

EQUIPMENT TYPE	DESCRIPTION	SPECIFIED TECHNOLOGIES
Vehicles components and systems (embedded in the vehicle)	Remote car keys (Immobilizer), Car parking sensor/systems, Car Radio with or without Bluetooth functionalities	Short Range Device Lower power - With maximum radiated power limit of 10 Mw erp.
Gate/Garage remote control equipment	Gate/Garage door opener	Short Range Device Lower power with maximum radiated power limit of 10 Mw erp.
Smart Watches	With Bluetooth only (without Wi-Fi functionality and SIM or Tracking features)	Short Range Device Lower power

Speakers	With Bluetooth	Short Range Device Lower power
Alarms and Movement detectors	Lower power Alarms and Movement detectors terminal.	Short Range Device Lower power - With maximum radiated power limit of 10 Mw erp.
Audio devices	Cordless Audio devices, including wireless microphones	Short Range Device Lower power - With maximum radiated power limit of 10 Mw erp.
Broadcast receivers	Receivers equipment's only e.g. FM/AM Radio both analogue and digital	
Broadcast Transmitters	FM/AM transmitter equipment's (both analogue and digital)	

Mbandeka concluded that the Gazette does not constitute or replace legal advice on obligations as set out under the Communications Act (No. 8 of 2009), or in the Regulations in Respect of Type Approval and Technical Standards for Telecommunications Equipment and the Regulations in respect of Licence Exempt Spectrum.

Stakeholders that require further clarity or have any queries on this are encouraged to contact CRAN. Head Office – No. 56, Communications House, Robert Mugabe Avenue, Windhoek; via telephone (061) 222 666; or via email, operations@cran.na.

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