



GENERAL NOTICE NO. 08, 2018

FINAL REMINDER: RENEWAL OF RADIO FREQUENCY SPECTRUM LICENCES FOR 2018/2019 FINANCIAL YEAR.

1. The Eswatini Communications Commission (ESCCOM), is a regulatory body established by the Swaziland Communications Act, 2013. One of its functions is to administer the Electronic Communications Act (ECA hereinafter). Part VII of the latter Act, read together with the Electronic Communications (Radio Communications and Frequency Spectrum) Regulations (Regulations hereinafter), confers upon the Commission the responsibility for managing the efficient use of radio frequency spectrum.
2. Section 35(1) of the ECA provides that *"a person shall not use a radio frequency spectrum that has not specifically been allocated to that person through a license issued by the Commission in accordance with the National radio frequency plan"*. Further, the Regulation 6(1) provide that *"a person shall not possess, establish, install or use any radio communications station which requires licensing under these Regulations in any place or on board any local vessel, aircraft or vehicle, unless that person has a valid license granted by the Commission"*.
3. Part IV of the Regulations provides that *"a licensee who has been assigned frequency bands for use shall maintain and provide, at the Commission's request, an inventory of the assigned frequency bands"*.

4. The Commission has hitherto issued General Notice Number 7 of 2018/2019 through print media as a reminder, for all spectrum users and/or users of radio communications equipment, to apply for new or renewal of Radio Frequency Spectrum licenses for the financial year 2018/2019. The final date for this renewal was the 26th May 2018.
5. Now, therefore, ,as a matter of extreme urgency, the Commission requests that all Radio Frequency Spectrum users in the categories listed below to submit their applications for license renewal as well as new applications for unlicensed users;
 - Very Small Aperture Terminal (VSAT) operators and/or users
 - Aeronautical Ground Stations
 - Private Mobile Radio (PMR) operators and/or users
 - Amateur Radio operators and/or users
 - Aircraft Station operators and/or users
 - Microwave network operators and/or users
6. Application forms are available on the Commission's website at **www.sccom.org.sz**. The completed forms shall be submitted at the Commission's offices on or before the **13th July 2018**. Alternatively the completed forms can be submitted to info@sccom.org.sz, by the same date.
7. Kindly note that it is a punishable offence for any person, to install and use radio communications equipment or to use Radio Frequency Spectrum without prior authorization by the Commission. Failure to adhere to this Notice will attract extremely adverse consequences visited by the Commission, in keeping with the law.

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