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# PUBLIC NOTICE

The Public Utilities Commission (PUC; the Commission) advises that;

- A. No person or entity shall import, install, sell for use or use any item of Telecommunication equipment in Belize unless the PUC grants a permit in respect of that type of equipment.

Any person who contravenes any of these provisions commits an offence and shall be liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding ten thousand dollars.

- B. Users of the following list of telecommunication equipment are hereby advised that **A LICENSE MUST BE OBTAINED FROM THE PUC** as required by law for the operation of such equipment.

**Telecommunication equipment (not limited to the understated):**

1. Land Mobile Radio Transceivers (Base stations, Handheld radios, Repeater systems)
2. Marine Radio Transceivers (Base stations, Handheld radios, Repeater systems)
3. Satellite TV Systems (Direct TV, Sky, VeTV, etc)
4. Internet Satellite Systems (Hughes Net, etc) - Not registered through local Internet Service Provider (Belize Licensed ISP)
5. Amateur Radio Operators
6. Citizen Band Radio Operators
7. Aircraft Radios/Aeronautical Band Radios
8. Point to Point Links (including external WiFi Data Networks) / Domestic Private Networks
9. Paging systems (Vehicle location systems, etc)

Any person who fails to comply with or acts in contravention to these provisions for a license commits an offence and shall be liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding five hundred thousand dollars or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding five years, or to both such fine and imprisonment, and in the case of a continuing offence, to a further fine of ten thousand dollars for each day that the offence continues after conviction.

## Compliance

To obtain permits and establish the required license for the specific equipment in use/service, please contact the Public Utilities Commission for details; or visit the PUC's Office at #41 Gabourel Lane in Belize City, Call 223-4938; Fax: 223- 6818 or Email: [telecom@puc.bz](mailto:telecom@puc.bz).

**All SELLERS/DISTRIBUTORS of the above listed telecommunication equipment are required to contact the PUC and be registered as a dealer as specific Terms and Conditions apply to such activity.**

## **Public Utilities Commission**

Telecommunication (Importation and Distribution of Type Approved Telecommunication, Broadcasting and Radio Communication Equipments) Regulations.

PUC permit is required for the following items

1. Radio Receivers/Transmitters/Transceivers and Accessories
  - HF/VHF/UHF – Amateur Transmitters/Receivers/Transceivers
  - HF/VHF/UHF – Commercial Transmitters/Receivers/Transceivers
  - Citizen Band (CB) Transceivers
  - Radio Frequency (RF) amplifiers
  - Phone Patch Systems
  - Radio Broadcast Transmitters
  - Television Broadcast Transmitters
  - Radio Frequency (RF) Transmitting Antennae
  - Radio Broadcasting Transmitting Antennae
  - Television Broadcast Transmitting Antennae
  - “Walkie-Talkie”
  - Duplexers
  - Combiners
  - Isolators/Circulators
  - Drone
  
2. Satellite Communication Equipment
  - Low Noise Amplifiers
  - Receivers
  - Modulators
  - Very Small Aperture Terminals – VSATS
  - Receiving/Transmitting Antennae – (Satellite Dish)
  - Encoders/Decoders
  - Feed Horns
  - RF/IF Amplifiers
  
3. Telecommunication Equipment
  - a. Customer Premises Equipment – CPE Excluding
    - i. Regular Telephone
    - ii. Facsimile Machine
    - iii. Cordless Telephones – limited range types only
    - iv. Cellular telephones

- b. All other Telecommunication and Customers Premises Equipment for Connection to any Licensed Telecommunication provider's network Public Switch Telecommunication Network.

4. Electromagnetic Radiating Devices
  - Industrial and Laboratory Electric Equipment
  - Induction and Dielectric Heating Equipment
  - Remote Radio Control Equipment
  - Radar Equipment
  - Electro Mechanical Apparatus

Additional Telecommunication equipments include:

1. Land Mobile Radio Transceivers (Base stations, handheld radios, repeaters systems)
2. Marine Radio Transceivers (Base Stations, handheld radios, Repeater systems)
3. Satellite TV Systems (Direct TV, Sky, VeTV, etc)
4. Internet Satellite Systems (Hughes Net, etc) – not registered through local internet service Provider (Belize Licensed ISP)
5. Aircraft Radios/Aeronautical Band Radios
6. Point to Point Links (including external WIFI Data Network/ Domestic Private Networks)
7. Paging Systems (vehicle location systems, etc)