



Notification of Amendment to Class License for Short Range Devices (SRD)

A. BASIS AND PURPOSE OF THE AMENDMENT:

1. On May 30, 2010, the Regulatory Authority (ictQATAR) published a Class License for the operation of Short Range Devices (SRDs) (Class License), which was the first version of Class License of SRDs;
2. On September 21, 2014, the Communications Regulatory Authority (CRA) has decided to improve on the existing Class License with amendment contained a revised Annexure 2 that provides a clear and concise explanation of which frequency ranges apply to various equipment and devices, this was version no. 2 of the Class License;
3. On July 13, 2017, CRA intends to further improve the current version of the Class License to reflect the recent rapid advances in radiocommunication applications and technologies and include some new frequency ranges for SRDs.

B. LEGAL BASIS OF THE AMENDMENT:

1. The First Version of Class License for SRD's (dated May 30, 2010) was issued pursuant to Article 31 of the Executive By-Law for Telecommunications No. 1 of 2009;
2. Article 31 of the Executive By-Law empowered the ictQATAR to establish terms and conditions of all Licensees and to monitor compliance of Licensees with the terms and conditions of their Licenses. This provision also enables ictQATAR to establish the criteria through the Radio Spectrum Regulations in order to determine what radio spectrum should be made available for common use and this may be awarded by means of a class license;
3. In February 2014, Emiri Decision No.42 of 2014 (Decision) was issued establishing the Communications Regulatory Authority (CRA). In terms of Article 4 (9) of this Decision, the CRA is mandated to "set conditions and criteria for licensing and approval for telecommunications and information technology services, access to digital media, the use of frequencies and the issuance of related Licenses and approvals; and ensure compliance with its conditions."
4. In addition to the above provisions, Article 14 (4) of the Decision further empowers the CRA to "develop necessary regulations and procedures for licensing, amending, renewal, and revocation of spectrum licenses."
5. The CRA therefore exercises its powers in terms of the provisions set out above to make the necessary amendment to the existing terms and conditions of the Class License for SRDs.

C. CONTENT OF THE AMENDMENT:

1. The initial Class License for SRD's issued on the May 30, 2010 contained an Annexure (2)- Technical Requirements for Short Range Devices (SRD);
2. This Annexure was replaced with an updated Annexure (2) in the second version of the Class License which was issued on September 21, 2014;
3. The amended annexure sets out more detailed categories of equipment and applications according to the respective frequency ranges;
4. The amendment modifies equipment categories by adding reference standards, which were not in the original annexure, to align it with the type approval guidelines.
5. The amended annexure contains paragraph 3 which has additional applications of radio Communications Equipment (like M2M Applications);
6. All other existing terms and conditions shall continue to apply as in the Version no. 2 of the Class License;
7. The amended annexure in version no. 3 also introduces a separate section for Wireless Access Systems including Radio Local Area Networks (WAS/RLANs) Applications, with the corresponding authorized frequency ranges with the maximum allowed output power;
8. This amendment has no material change or impact on persons operating under the existing Class License.

D. CONSULTATION PERIOD:

1. The modified schedule shall be open for consultation for a period of 30 days from the date of this notice;
2. All comments or submissions to the proposed amendments is to be directed to type.approval@cra.gov.qa.
3. The closing date for comments and submission shall be August 16, 2017.

Dated the 16th of July 2017.