

Fact Sheet No.10

Radio Controlled Models Use in Barbados

What are Radio Controlled Models?

Radio control is basically a means by which equipment can be controlled from remote areas by the use of radio waves. This method is used for the control of radio controlled models. Radio controlled models refers to low power devices such as model aircraft, model trains, model racing cars and model boats. The popularity of these models is rapidly growing in Barbados and their use is spread across the entire range of the Barbadian population.

Spectrum Allocation

The operating frequencies allocated for the use of these devices are between 35 MHz and 35.29 MHz. Use of frequencies other than these may result in interference for other spectrum users.

Limitations of use for Model Aircraft including Model Helicopters

No one under fourteen years of age is allowed to operate a radio controlled device and therefore will not be granted a licence to do so. These devices should not be used over a public highway, a residential area or within a three mile radius of the Grantley Adams International Airport.

Obtaining a Licence

To obtain a licence to operate a radio controlled model, the applicant must apply to the Telecommunications Unit for a licence. The applicant must also bring the model to the unit for inspection by a Telecommunications Officer. Once the model and applicant meet all requirements, the individual will be issued a licence for the period of one year at a cost of thirty dollars.

For further information please refer to the Radio Controlled Models – Use in Barbados Policy.

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