

FACT SHEET 6

The Use of Telecommunications and Radiocommunications Equipment in Barbados

The Radio Spectrum is a finite resource owned by the people of Barbados.

The Minister responsible for Telecommunications, through the Telecommunications Unit, is charged with the responsibility of ensuring that the Spectrum is used effectively and efficiently therefore providing the maximum economic benefit to the people of Barbados.

To ensure this, the Minister has declared that all telecommunication and radiocommunications equipment manufactured or used in Barbados must be “**Type-approved**” by the Telecommunications Unit.

Type Approval of equipment ensures that the equipment meets the Standards adopted by the Ministry and that it does not cause harmful interference to other users of the Spectrum.

To further ensure that radio and telecommunications equipment is installed properly, the Minister has made the Certification Standards Regulations.

The Telecommunications (Certification Standards) Regulations 2003, S.I. 2003 No. 80 provides for equipment in Barbados to be installed by certified technicians competent to install such equipment to International Standards.

The Inspectorate of the Telecommunications Unit has been mandated to ensure that all radio communications and telecommunications equipment is compliant with the International Standards adopted by the Ministry.

The Telecommunications Act 2001-36 outlines serious penalties for violation of the Act and Regulations with regards to the manufacture and use of telecommunications and radiocommunications equipment in Barbados.

The Telecommunications Act 2001-36 and the Regulations made there under can be obtained from the Government Printery.

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