

# GOVERNMENT NOTICE

## FACT SHEET NO. 5

### IMPORTATION, SALE AND USE OF RADIOCOMMUNICATIONS AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT IN BARBADOS.

The Minister responsible for Telecommunications, through the Telecommunications Unit, is charged with the responsibility of ensuring that all telecommunication and radiocommunications equipment imported into, sold or manufactured in Barbados meet the International Standards adopted by the Ministry.

To ensure compliance, the Minister has made several Regulations under the Telecommunications Act 2001-36 including the mandatory licensing of all Sellers and Dealers in telecommunications and radiocommunications equipment.

**The Telecommunications Act 2001-36 (“the Act”) in Part IV Section 10. (1) (d)** states “No person shall distribute, lease, trade, offer for sale, sell or import for sale any prescribed telecommunications apparatus or radio-communications apparatus without a dealer’s licence issued in accordance with Part XI.

The Regulations are:

**The Telecommunications (Prescribed Telecommunications and Radiocommunications Apparatus) Regulations, 2003 S.I. 2003 No. 74** which list the type of equipment that can be certified by the Telecommunications Unit.

**The Telecommunications (Restriction and Prohibition) Regulations 2003, S.I. 2003 No. 76** which list the equipment that will **not** be certified for use in Barbados.

**The Telecommunications (Certification Standards) Regulations, 2003 S.I. 2003 No. 80** which make provision to ensure that all certified equipment in Barbados is installed by certified technicians who are competent to install equipment to the International Standards.

Each licensed dealer must obtain an **Individual Sellers and Dealers Licence** which gives the Licensee the right to import and sell radiocommunications and telecommunications equipment in Barbados and a **Sellers and Dealers Class Licence** which lists the type of equipment the Licensee is authorised to sell.

The Inspectorate of the Telecommunications Unit has been mandated to ensure that all telecommunications and radiocommunications equipment is compliant with the International Standards adopted by the Ministry. Consequently, equipment bearing the stamp “For Export Only”, “Not for Sale in the USA”, or “Does not comply with FCC Part 15 or Part 68” will not be allowed in Barbados.

Equipment which is manufactured to globally accepted standards such as, but not limited to, IEEE 802.xxx (including Wi-fi, Bluetooth, etc.) does not have to be individually type-approved by the Telecommunications Unit.

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

Copies of the Telecommunications Act 2001-36 may be obtained from the Government Printery, while copies of the Regulations are available from the Telecommunications Unit, Ministry of Energy and Public Utilities, Upton, St. Michael.

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