



Government of Barbados

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**Radio Controlled Models - Use In Barbados**

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## **1. INTRODUCTION**

- 1.1 This document outlines the use of Radio Controlled Models in Barbados as set by the Telecommunications Unit in the ministry responsible for telecommunications and is intended for the general information of the public. Included in this document are the spectrum allocations and the terms of use for the use of radio controlled models in Barbados.
- 1.2 Radio control otherwise known as R/C, is a one way, short distance, non-voice radio service for the remote operation of devices. The term radio controlled models used here refers to low power devices such as model aircraft, model trains, model racing cars and model boats and does not refer to radio controlled cars used indoors.

## **2. SPECTRUM ALLOCATION**

- 2.1 Locations in the frequency spectrum for radio controlled models are allocated by the telecommunications unit and are similar to the allocations of the Federal Communications Commission (FCC).
- 2.2 The frequencies between 35MHz and 35.29MHz may be used to operate any kind of device, including a model aircraft or a model surface craft device (train, boat, car, or vehicle).

## **3. LIMITS AND USE**

- 3.1 Any person granted a license to operate model aircraft is prohibited from operating the said apparatus over a public highway, a residential area or within a three (3) mile radius of the Grantley Adams International Airport. Also a Licence will not be granted to anyone under the age of fourteen (14) years.

## **4. LICENSING**

- 4.1 The Telecommunications Unit allows the user, upon the granting of a license, to transmit signals for the purpose of operating one of these said devices. Prior to the granting of a license, the model must be brought to the Telecommunications Unit for inspection certification by

a Telecommunications Officer. Once the model is found to meet all requirements a license will be granted for its operation for a period of one year, the fee for this licence as per the Telecommunication (Licence Fee) Regulations S.I. 2003 No. 78.

- 4.2 The penalties for non-compliance are detailed in section 94 of the Telecommunications Act, 2001-36.