



Public Notice

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TELECOMMUNICATION EQUIPMENT

The Public Utilities Commission (PUC; the Commission) advises that;

- A.** No person or entity shall import, install, sell for use or use any item of Telecommunication equipment in Belize unless the PUC grants a permit in respect of that type of equipment.

Any person who contravenes any of these provisions commits an offence and shall be liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding ten thousand dollars.

- B.** Users of the following list of telecommunication equipment are hereby advised that **A LICENSE MUST BE OBTAINED FROM THE PUC** as required by law for the operation of such equipment.

Telecommunication equipment (not limited to the understated):

- 1. Land Mobile Radio Transceivers (Base stations, Handheld radios, Repeater systems)**
- 2. Marine Radio Transceivers (Base stations, Handheld radios, Repeater systems)**
- 3. Satellite TV Systems (Direct TV, Sky, VeTV, etc)**
- 4. Internet Satellite Systems (Hughes Net, etc) - Not registered through local Internet Service Provider (Belize Licensed ISP)**
- 5. Amateur Radio Operators**
- 6. Citizen Band Radio Operators**
- 7. Aircraft Radios/Aeronautical Band Radios**
- 8. Point to Point Links (including external WiFi Data Networks) / Domestic Private Networks**
- 9. Paging systems (Vehicle location systems, etc)**

Any person who fails to comply with or acts in contravention to these provisions for a license commits an offence and shall be liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding five hundred thousand dollars or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding five years, or to both such fine and imprisonment, and in the case of a continuing offence, to a further fine of ten thousand dollars for each day that the offence continues after conviction.

Compliance

To obtain permits and establish the required license for the specific equipment in use/service, please contact the Public Utilities Commission for details; or visit the PUC's Office at 2nd Floor, Marina Towers, New Town Barracks, Belize City, Belize, Call 223-4938; Fax: 223- 6818 or Email: telecom@puc.bz.

All SELLERS/DISTRIBUTORS of the above-listed telecommunication equipment are required to contact the PUC and be registered as a dealer as specific Terms and Conditions apply to such activity.