



New Categories of Radio-Equipment in the Competencies of EETT

The changes in the national and European regulatory framework that have been made in the last few months, have resulted in the increase of radio-equipment categories distributed and used in Greece and come under the competencies of EETT. Here follows a description of the changes that concern two radio-equipment categories: short range devices and air traffic management equipment.

1. Short Range Devices

Short range devices constitute a special radio-equipment category presenting an intense interest for the market, as they provide multiple applications. These devices provide either uni-directional or bi-directional communication with limited interference possibility with other radio-equipment categories and they are used for remote control, wireless access systems (WAS/LAN in bands 2.4GHz, 5GHz and 17GHz), telemetry, wireless microphones etc. The use of the said devices is in the most cases free, while an effort is made in the European Union (EU) to harmonize their use (frequency bands, technical characteristics, exemption from licensing) in all state members.

With the publication of the new National Frequency Allocation Table (GG issue 399/B/3-4-2006) more frequency bands may be used for the operation of short range devices, thus increasing the categories of devices that may be distributed in the Hellenic market and be used without licence.

Short range devices include Radio Frequency Identification Devices (RFID), which have a constantly increasing number of applications such as, among others for automatic object identification, alarm systems, person identification, access control, detection systems etc.

These devices may be used in frequency bands 2446-2454MHz and 865-868MHz without licence, according to the terms specified in the stipulations of Annex 11 of the ERC Recommendation 70-03. Such devices may be used in other frequency bands on certain conditions. As regards radio-frequencies identification devices, a consultation is being conducted on behalf of the EU from July 3rd until mid September (www.rfidconsultation.eu).

More details pertaining to short range

devices and their terms of use in Greece, are available in the relevant table at EETT's web site: www.eett.gr/opencms/sites/EETT/Electronic_Communications/Radio_Communications/TelecommunicationsEquipment/ShortRangeDevices.html.

2. Air Traffic Management Equipment and Systems

Air Traffic Management equipment and systems (ATM) are added in the competencies of EETT and are regulated by the Presidential Decree PD 44/2002. This latter is in force since October 20th, 2005, when the Regulation (EC) No 552/2004 of the European Parliament and Council came into force, dated as of March 10th, 2004, pertaining to the interoperability of the European air traffic management network (Regulation on Interoperability) and the abolition of Directive 93/65/EC.

The competent services of the European Commission have issued a guide on the integration of ATM equipment in Directive 99/5/EC that is available at the following address: ec.europa.eu/enterprise/rtte/aer equip.htm.



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