

EMBARGO 50

FREQUENCY RANGES:	403–403.9875 MHz 405.0125-406 MHz 408.6375-410.5375 MHz 412.4625-413.4375 MHz 414.4625-415.5625 MHz 418.0875-420 MHz 420-420.75 MHz 421.25-424.75 MHz 425.25-427.75 MHz 428.25–430 MHz 457.5-459.9875 MHz 467.5-469.9875 MHz
SUBJECT:	Embargo on new frequency assignments to support arrangements for harmonised government spectrum primarily to support national security, law enforcement and emergency services
DATE OF EFFECT:	2 April 2009 (last revised 30 April 2010)
COVERAGE:	Australia-wide
TIME FRAME:	Ongoing

INSTRUCTIONS

No new assignments are to be made in the frequency bands 403–403.9875 MHz, 405.0125-406 MHz, 408.6375-410.5375 MHz, 412.4625-413.4375 MHz, 414.4625-415.4375 MHz, 418.0875-420 MHz, 420-420.75 MHz, 421.25-424.75 MHz, 425.25-427.75 MHz and 428.25–430 MHz, except to Federal, State and Territory government agencies involved in national security, law enforcement or the provision of emergency services operating in accordance with the C.O.A.G approved national framework for government radiocommunications interoperability.

New assignments to other parts of Federal, State and Territory government are permitted provided assignments for government agencies involved in the national security, law enforcement or the provision of emergency services have been accommodated.

Licensees other than Federal, State and Territory government agencies involved in national security, law enforcement or the provision of emergency services and other government agencies accommodated in the band must cease operation or relocate outside of this spectrum by 31 December 2015 in high and medium density areas and 31 December 2018 outside high and medium density areas except in the 457.5-459.9875 MHz and 467.5-469.9875 MHz where users must cease operation or relocate outside of this spectrum by 31 December 2014 in high and medium density areas and 31 December 2015

outside high and medium density areas. Authorisation from the relevant state/territory government NCCGR authority stating that the user will be accommodated in the government band will be required to continue operation in this spectrum.

Exceptions to this embargo require case-by-case consideration and approval of the Manager, Spectrum Engineering Section.

REASONS

The purpose of this embargo is to support arrangements for harmonised government spectrum for Federal, State and Territory governments primarily to meet the strategic communications needs of national security, law enforcement and emergency services organisations, including interoperability objectives.

If in doubt about the applicability of this embargo to any particular frequency assignment, please contact the Manager, Government Planning Section for further advice.

HISTORY

The embargo was put in place in April 2009 to preserve planning options associated with the review of the 400 MHz band (403-430 MHz and 440-520 MHz).

The embargo was reviewed and amended in July 2009 to clarify its intent and applicability.

The embargo was again reviewed and amended in April 2010 to reflect the ACMA's final decision regarding the identification of harmonised government spectrum.

EMBARGO AUTHORISATION:

 Date: 30/4/10
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