

## EMBARGO 26

### FREQUENCY RANGE(S):

1. 703-748 MHz
2. 758-803 MHz
3. 825-845 MHz
4. 870-890 MHz
5. 1710-1785 MHz
6. 1805-1880 MHz
7. 1900-1980 MHz
8. 2110-2170 MHz
9. 2302-2400 MHz
10. 2500-2570 MHz
11. 2570-2620 MHz
12. 2620-2690 MHz
13. 3425-3492.5 MHz
14. 3542.5-3575 MHz

**SUBJECT:** Restrictions on assignments for apparatus-licensed services due to spectrum licensing provisions

**DATE OF EFFECT:** May 1996 (last revised February 2016)

**TIME FRAME:** Ongoing

### INSTRUCTIONS

No apparatus licences are to be issued in frequency bands and areas subject to spectrum licensing provisions as detailed in the following section.

### REASONS

- 1,2. On 1 November 2011 the Minister for Broadband, Communications and the Digital Economy declared that in parts of Australia the bands 703-748 MHz and 758-803 MHz are subject to re-allocations by issuing spectrum licences. For details of the 703-748 MHz and 758-803 MHz bands and areas see the [Radiocommunication \(Spectrum Re-allocation\) Declaration No. 1 of 2011](#)
- 3,4. On 15 July 1997 the Minister for Communications and the Arts declared that:
  - throughout Australia, the bands 825-830 MHz, 835-845 MHz, 870-875 MHz and 880-890 MHz; and
  - in parts of Australia, the bands 830-835 MHz and 875-880 MHz,are subject to re-allocation by issuing spectrum licences. For details of these bands and areas see the [Spectrum Re-allocation Declaration No. 1 of 1997 and Spectrum Re-allocation Declaration No. 2 of 1997](#).  
On 7 October 2000 the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts declared that further parts of Australia in the bands 830-835 MHz and 875-880 MHz are subject to re-allocation. For details of these bands and areas see the [Radiocommunications \(Spectrum Re-allocation\) Declaration No. 3 of 2000](#).
- 5,6. On 15 July 1997 the Minister for Communications and the Arts declared that in parts of Australia the bands 1710-1755 MHz and 1805-1850 MHz are subject to re-allocation by issuing spectrum licences. For details of the 1710-1755 MHz and 1805-1850 MHz bands and areas see the [Spectrum Re-allocation Declaration No. 3 of 1997](#) and the [Spectrum Re-allocation Declaration No. 4 of 1997](#).

On 27 September 1999 the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts declared that in parts of Australia the bands 1755–1785 MHz and 1850–1880 MHz are subject to re-allocation by issuing spectrum licences. For details of the 1755–1785 MHz and 1850–1880 MHz bands and areas see the [Spectrum Re-allocation Declaration 1999 \(No. 2\)](#).

On 26 May 2015 the Minister for Communications declared that in regional Australia the bands 1725-1785 MHz and 1820-1880 MHz should be re-allocated by issuing spectrum licences under Subdivision B of Division 1 of Part 3.2 of the Act, for details see [Spectrum Re-allocation Declaration 2015](#).

- 7,8. On 7 October 2000 the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts declared that in parts of Australia the bands 1900–1980 MHz and 2110–2170 MHz are subject to re-allocation by issuing spectrum licences. For details of the 1900–1980 MHz and 2110–2170 MHz bands and areas see the [Radiocommunications \(Spectrum Re-allocation\) Declaration No. 2 of 2000](#).
9. On 14 January 2000 the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts designated the band 2302–2400 MHz throughout Australia as part of the spectrum to be allocated by issuing spectrum licences. For details see the [Radiocommunications \(Spectrum Designation\) Notice No. 1 of 2000](#).
- 10,12. On 1 November 2011 the Minister for Broadband, Communication and the Digital Economy declared that in parts of Australia the bands 2500-2570 MHz and 2620-2690 MHz are subject to re-allocation by issuing spectrum licences. For details of the 2500-2570 MHz and 2620-2690 MHz bands and areas see the [Radiocommunication \(Spectrum Re-allocation\) Declaration No.2 of 2011](#).
11. On 24 February 2012 the Minister for Broadband, Communication and the Digital Economy designated the frequency band between 2570 MHz and 2620 MHz in parts of Australia to be allocated by issuing spectrum licences. For details see the [Radiocommunications \(Spectrum Designation\) Notice No.1 of 2012](#).
- 13,14. On 11 April 2000 the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts declared that the part of the spectrum from 3425–3492.5 MHz and 3542.5–3575 MHz is subject to re-allocation by issuing spectrum licences. For details see the [Radiocommunications \(Spectrum Re-allocation\) Declaration 2000](#).

## **HISTORY**

The embargo was initially issued in August 1997 to provide a consolidating reference to those bands subject to spectrum licensing provisions at that time.

The May 1998 revision included the bands 27.5–28.35 GHz and 31–31.3 GHz.

The October 1999 revision included the bands 3425–3492.5 MHz and 3542.5–3575 MHz.

The December 1999 revision included the bands 1755–1785 MHz and 1850–1880 MHz.

The May 2000 revision included the band 2302–2400 MHz.

The July 2000 revision included the band 26.5 –27.5 GHz, which is now also subject to spectrum licensing provisions.

The November 2000 revision included a change to the areas covered by the bands 830–835 MHz and 875–880 MHz. It also included the bands 1900–1980 MHz and 2110–2170 MHz.

The August 2005 revision included the band 2010 – 2025 MHz.

In September 2007 the embargo was revised to include minor editorial and formatting changes.

The April 2012 revision included the bands 703-748 MHz, 758-803 MHz, 2500-2570 MHz, 2750-2620 MHz and 2620-2690 MHz. The frequency range 2500-2690 MHz was previously included in embargo 43 which has now been revoked. The frequency range 2010-2025 MHz was excluded as the relevant declaration ([Radiocommunications \(Spectrum Re-allocation\) Declaration No. 1 of 2005](#)) was revoked on 1 January 2007 by virtue of section 153K of the Radiocommunications Act because no licences were issued before the re-allocation deadline.

The September 2012 revision removed the bands 500.99375–504.99375 MHz and 510.99375–514.99375 MHz because the [Radiocommunications \(Spectrum Designation\) Notice No. 1 of 1996](#) was revoked by the [Radiocommunications \(Spectrum Designation\) Notice No. 1 of 1996 Instrument of Revocation No. 1 of 2010](#) on 1 June 2012.

The January 2014 revision removed the band 27.5–28.35 GHz because the [Radiocommunications \(Spectrum Designation\) Notice No. 1 of 1998](#) was revoked by the [Radiocommunications \(Spectrum Designation\) Notice No. 1 of 1998 Instrument of Revocation No. 1 of 2013](#) on 31 January 2014. The band 31-31.3 GHz was also removed as existing spectrum licences expired and were not re-issued.

February 2016 revision removed the band 26.5–27.5 GHz because the [Radiocommunications \(Unacceptable Levels of Interference - 27 GHz Band\) Determination 2000](#) was revoked by the [Radiocommunications \(Spectrum Designation—27 GHz Band\) Repeal Notice 2015](#) on 5 November 2015.

Made reference to Spectrum re-allocation declaration of 2015 under Reason 5,6.

## **EMBARGO AUTHORISATION**

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