

EMBARGO 53

FREQUENCY RANGES:	406.1-408.6375 MHz 410.5375-412.4625 MHz 415.5625- 418.0875 MHz 450-450.4875 MHz 452.5-457.50625 MHz 462-467.50625 MHz 469.9875-476.4125 MHz 477.41875-518 MHz
SUBJECT:	Embargo on new frequency assignments to national security, law enforcement and emergency services
DATE OF EFFECT:	30 April 2010 (last revised September 2012)
COVERAGE:	Australia-wide
TIME FRAME:	Ongoing

INSTRUCTIONS

No new assignments are to be made to Federal, State and Territory government agencies for the purposes of national security, law enforcement or the provision of emergency services in the frequency bands 406.1-408.6375 MHz, 410.5375-412.4625 MHz, 415.5625-418.0875 MHz, 450-450.4875 MHz, 452.5-457.50625 MHz, 462-467.50625 MHz, 469.9875-476.4125 MHz and 477.41875-518 MHz.

New assignments to Federal, State and Territory government agencies are permitted in the frequency ranges above provided it can be demonstrated that they cannot be accommodated in spectrum set aside for government purposes.

Exemptions from this embargo require case-by-case consideration and approval by 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, Spectrum Engineering Section for further advice.

HISTORY

The embargo was put in place in April 2010 to support the identification of harmonised government spectrum in the 400 MHz band (403-430 MHz and 450-520 MHz).

The embargo was amended in July 2011 to extend its applicability to all government services, to excise segments Q, R, U and V and its upper limit was reduced to 518 MHz from 520 MHz.

The embargo was amended in June 2012 to exclude the UHF Citizen Band (segment EE) from its scope.

EMBARGO AUTHORISATION

[signed] 25/09/2012

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