

Extension of the Deadline for Submissions to the Second Consultation on Arrangements for the Frequency Spectrum in the 900 MHz and 1800 MHz Bands upon Expiry of the Existing Assignments for Public Mobile Telecommunications Services and the Spectrum Utilisation Fee

The Office of the Communications Authority (“OFCA”) announced today (18 April 2017) that the deadline for submissions to the second consultation paper issued on 14 February 2017 on “Arrangements for the Frequency Spectrum in the 900 MHz and 1800 MHz Bands upon Expiry of the Existing Assignments for Public Mobile Telecommunications Services and the Spectrum Utilisation Fee” has been extended by one month, in response to requests from the industry.

Any person wishing to respond to the consultation paper should do so on or before 24 May 2017, instead of the original deadline of 24 April 2017 as indicated in the consultation paper. With this extension, the consultation period will last for a total of about three and a half months for the industry and interested parties to submit their views and comments.

With the target for the Secretary for Commerce and Economic Development and the Communications Authority to announce their decisions around end 2017 on how the frequency spectrum in the 900 MHz and 1800 MHz bands should be re-assigned, thereby giving an advance notice of about three years to the incumbent spectrum assignees regarding possible variation to their frequency assignments in the 900 MHz and 1800 MHz bands, any further request for extension of the deadline would not be entertained.

All submissions to the second consultation paper should reach OFCA by the extended deadline of 24 May 2017. Submissions made after that date would not be considered.

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