

Extension of the Deadline for Views and Comments to the Second Consultation on Arrangements for the Frequency Spectrum in the 1.9 – 2.2 GHz Band upon Expiry of the Existing Frequency Assignments for 3G Mobile Services

The Office of the Communications Authority (“OFCA”) announced today (26 February 2013) that the deadline for views and comments to the second consultation paper issued on 28 December 2012 on “Arrangements for the Frequency Spectrum in the 1.9 – 2.2 GHz Band upon Expiry of the Existing Frequency Assignments for 3G Mobile Services” has been extended.

Any person wishing to respond to the consultation paper should do so on or before 11 April 2013, instead of the original deadline of 28 February 2013 as indicated in the second consultation paper. With this extension, a total of three and half months would have been allowed for the industry and interested parties to submit their views and comments.

The decision to extend the consultation period has been made in response to requests from the industry.

Bearing in mind the need for the Secretary for Commerce and Economic Development and the Communications Authority’s commitment to, on a best endeavour basis, announcing the decision on how the frequency spectrum in the 1.9 – 2.2 GHz band should be re-assigned as soon as possible and in any event by October 2013 at the latest, thereby giving at least three years’ advance notice to the incumbent 3G operators in case there is any possible variation to their frequency assignments in the 1.9 – 2.2 GHz band, 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 11 April 2013. Submissions made after that date would not be considered.

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