

## Embargo 64

<b>FREQUENCY RANGE(S):</b>	803-825 MHz 845-870 MHz 890-960 MHz
<b>SUBJECT:</b>	Embargo on all new apparatus licence frequency assignments to support the implementation of the decisions made as a result of the review of the 803-960 MHz band
<b>DATE OF EFFECT:</b>	7 December 2011 (last revised February 2018)
<b>COVERAGE:</b>	Australia-wide
<b>TIME FRAME:</b>	Until further notice

### INSTRUCTIONS

No new frequency assignments are to be made in the frequency bands 804-806 MHz and 849-851 MHz, except where the assignment is to a licensee seeking to move an existing licensed service from within the frequency bands 852-857 MHz and 928-933 MHz to 804-806 MHz and 849-851 MHz.<sup>1</sup> This embargo does not apply to existing two frequency fixed services in the frequency bands 804-806 MHz and 849-851 MHz.

No new frequency assignments are to be made in the frequency band 845-849 MHz, except where the assignment is to a licensee seeking to move an existing licensed service from within the frequency bands 849-852 MHz or 857-861 MHz.<sup>2</sup> This embargo does not apply to existing licensed services in the frequency band 845-849 MHz.

No new frequency assignments are to be made in the frequency bands 803-804 MHz, 806-825 MHz, 851-870 MHz, and 890-960 MHz, except where the assignment is for the expansion of an existing system or where one assignment is exchanged for another within the band and within the same area, contingent on minimal changes in overall spectrum use.

Where an assignment is made on the basis that it is for the expansion of an existing system or when one assignment is exchanged for another, the licensee shall acknowledge that:

- i. As the result of the 803-960 MHz band review allocations and systems in these segments may be required to be spectrally relocated or for operations to cease in the future<sup>3</sup>;
- ii. the assignment does not provide any additional protection or rights and that they will be subject to the same transition times as all other assignments;

Existing apparatus licences within the frequency bands 890-915 MHz and 935-960 MHz will be renewed for a maximum of one-year at a time.

Existing apparatus licences within the frequency bands 803-820 MHz and 849-852 MHz, with the exception of two frequency fixed services in the bands 804-806 MHz and 849-851 MHz, will be renewed for a period that will not extend beyond 30 June

<sup>1</sup> This provision allows for a new licence in the range 804-806/849-851 MHz to be taken out before the existing licence it is to replace (in the range 852-857/928-933 MHz) has been surrendered.

<sup>2</sup> This provision allows for a new licence in the range 845-849 MHz to be taken out before the existing licence it is to replace (in the range 849-852 MHz or 857-861 MHz) has been surrendered.

<sup>3</sup> Timeframes are available in [the ACMA's long-term strategy for the 803-960 MHz band](#).

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Existing apparatus licences within the frequency bands 852-857 MHz and 928-935 MHz will be renewed for a period that will not extend beyond 30 June 2021.

Existing apparatus licences within the frequency bands 820-825 MHz and 857-870 MHz will be renewed for a period that will not extend beyond 30 June 2024.

This embargo does not apply to Sound outside Broadcast (SOB) assignments in the frequency band 845-850.5 MHz.

Any applications for case-by-case exemptions are to be referred to the Manager, Spectrum Planning Section for consideration.

### **REASONS**

The purpose of the embargo is to support the implementation of the decisions made as a result of the review of the 803-960 MHz band, and to aid the transition of affected services.

Further updates will be made to this embargo in accordance with the implementation plan detailed in [the ACMA's long-term strategy for the 803-960 MHz band](#).

### **COMMENTS**

Further information on the completed review of the 803-960 MHz band, including timeframes for the implementation of decisions, is available on the ACMA website<sup>4</sup>.

### **EMBARGO AUTHORISATION:**

Approved            14/02/2018

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<sup>4</sup> See <http://www.acma.gov.au/theACMA/review-of-the-803-960-mhz-band>.