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INDEPENDENT COMMUNICATIONS AUTHORITY OF SOUTH AFRICA

NOTICE 2945 OF 2025

FRAMEWORK FOR LICENSING SPARE COORDINATED FREQUENCIES TO EXISTING COMMUNITY SOUND BROADCASTING LICENSEES WISHING TO INCREASE THEIR COVERAGE AREA

1. On 30 September 2024, the Independent Communications Authority of South Africa (the "Authority") approved the licensing Framework on Spare Coordinated Frequencies for Community Sound Broadcasting Services for community sound broadcasting licensees wishing to increase their coverage area.

2. In terms of the Framework:

   2.1 The spare coordinated frequency assignments categorised for community sound broadcasting service in the Terrestrial Broadcasting Frequency Plan (TBFP) shall be licensed through the Pre-Registration licensing process, as outlined in regulation 4 of the Community Broadcasting Services Regulations ("the Regulations"), to enable new entrants.

   2.2 When there is no active pre-registration licensing process[1] in terms of paragraph 2.1 above or where the pre-registration licensing process has just been concluded by the Authority, the spare coordinated frequency assignments categorised for community sound broadcasting services that

[1] Active pre-registration licensing process means the project to license community sound broadcasting evident in the then current Annual Performance Plan of the Authority.

remain unlicensed, shall be made available to existing community sound broadcasting licensees seeking to increase their coverage areas. An application to amend a community sound broadcasting service licence for purposes of increasing coverage:

(a) will be subjected to the provisions of regulation 4 of the Regulations, read with sections 30 (3) and 31 (4) of the Electronic Communications Act, 2005 (Act No. 36 of 2005) as amended.

(b) must be in line with the licensed service area as per the issued licence. No community broadcasting services are allowed to broadcast outside the District Municipality as prescribed in terms regulation 3 (1) of Schedule 1 of the Standard Terms and Conditions for Class Broadcasting Services Licences, 2010, as amended.

2.3 The previously assigned coordinated frequencies recovered from licensees that did not renew their sound broadcasting service licence will not be made available to existing licensees wishing to increase their coverage areas. These assignments will be secured/ring-fenced to be licensed only through a pre- registration licensing process as outlined in regulation 4 of the Regulations.

3. An application to amend a community sound broadcasting service licence for purposes of increasing the coverage area will be dealt with by the Authority in accordance with regulation 6 of the Regulations.

4. An application to amend a community sound broadcasting service licence for purposes of increasing the coverage area can be submitted to the Authority from the date of publication of this Notice. In line with paragraph 2.2 above, the Authority will only consider the application if there is no active pre-registration licensing process in the then-current Annual Performance Plan of the Authority.

5. An application in terms of paragraph 3 above must be submitted to the Licensing and Compliance Division at: broadcastingapplications@icasa.org.za

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