

## **Regulation 15 on collective frequencies for licence-exempt radio transmitters and on their use**

### **Background and the legal basis of the Regulation**

Regulation 15 exempts radio transmitters from licensing and lays down the terms of use of licence-exempt radio transmitters.

This Regulation is issued under the Act on Electronic Communications Services (917/2014).

Regulation 15 is updated annually with regard to changes to the use of frequencies, licence exemptions for new equipment groups, and international standards and recommendations on the use of frequencies (for example, Commission spectrum decisions).

### **Other related regulations and statutes**

Traficom Regulation 4 (Radio Frequency Regulation) also applies to the use of radio transmitter frequencies. Regulations 4 and 15 are updated simultaneously.

### **Objective of the Regulation**

Exempting radio transmitters from licensing makes the adoption of radio equipment easier for enterprises and consumers. Radio equipment which do not require user-specific frequency planning or radio licence in order to prevent harmful interference are usually exempted from licensing.

### **Drafting process**

The stakeholder consultation took place during September 2023 via the website [Lausuntopalvelu.fi](https://lausuntopalvelu.fi). Information on the request for comments was provided on Traficom's website and via email to stakeholders.

### **Comments received through consultation**

The comments received during stakeholder consultation are available (in Finnish) on the website [Lausuntopalvelu.fi](https://lausuntopalvelu.fi).

### **Changes and impact assessment**

#### Material changes

The following changes have been made to the Regulation:

- Swarm and Myriota satellite terminals in the frequency bands 148.00–150.05 MHz and 399.9–400.5 MHz have been exempted from licensing.
- A reference to the ECC recommendation ECC/REC/(08)01 concerning intelligent transport systems (ITS) has been added.
- Maximum channel width 200 kHz has been added to low-power FM transmitters in the frequency band 87.5–108 MHz.
- The exemption from licensing concerning the use of mobile network terminals on board airborne aircraft related to authority operations and the security of supply that was previously in force for a fixed term has been changed so that it is now in force until further notice (subsection 7.1.2).

Impacts of the changes

Exempting the satellite terminals from licensing facilitates their introduction in Finland.

**Schedule/entry into force**

The updated regulation enters into force on 19 February 2024.