

L.N. 6 of 2008

**FEES ORDINANCE
(CAP. 35)**

Fees (Radiocommunications) (Amendment) Regulations, 2008

IN exercise of the powers conferred by article 2 of the Fees Ordinance, the Minister for Competitiveness and Communications with the concurrence of the Prime Minister and Minister for Finance, has made the following regulations-

Citation and
coming into force.

L.N. 26 of 1995.

1. (1) These regulations may be cited as the Fees (Radiocommunications) (Amendment) Regulations, 2008 and shall be read and construed as one with the Fees (Radiocommunications) Regulations, 1995, hereinafter referred to as “the principal regulations”.

(2) These regulations shall be deemed to have come into force on the 1st January 2008.

Amends Section II
of the Schedule to
the principal
regulations.

2. Section II of the Schedule to the principal regulations shall be amended as follows:

(1) item 5 thereof shall be amended as follows:

i) the words “, *per annum* fee” shall be deleted

ii) sub-item (a) therefore shall be substituted with the following:

“(a) Radiocommunications apparatus installed on board a ship including renewal of licence:

(i) GMDSS installation complying with the
SOLAS Convention € 115.00

(ii) MF / HF installation and, or earth station installed on
board a ship:

a. of less than 24 meters in length overall ... € 35.00

b. equal to or more than 24 meters in length
overall€ 115.00

(iii) VHF station, operating in the frequency band 156.0125 - 162.0375 MHz, 25 kHz channel spacing No charge

(iv) VHF hand-portable, operating in the frequency band 156.0125 - 162.0375 MHz, 25 kHz channel spacing No charge

(v) Emergency Position-Indicating Radio Beacon (EPIRB) station, operating in the frequency band 406.0 - 406.1 MHz or 156.5125 - 156.5375 MHz No charge”;
and

iii) item (b) thereof shall be deleted and items (c) to (f) shall be renumbered as items (b) to (e);

(2) item 6 thereof shall be substituted with the following:

“6. Provisional licence for Radiocommunications apparatus installed on board a ship fee payable on the issue of a provisional licence for a period not to exceed six months:

(i) GMDSS installation complying with the SOLAS Convention €115.00

(ii) MF / HF installation and or earth station installed on board a ship:

a. of less than 24 meters in length overall € 35.00

b. equal to or more than 24 meters in length overall € 115.00.”

(3) item 30 thereof shall be substituted with the following:

“30. Non-specific short range devices operating in the frequency bands:

(a) 6765 - 6795 kHz, field strength up to 42 dBµA/m at 10m No charge

(b) 13.553 – 13.567 MHz, field strength up to 42 dBµA/m at 10m No charge

- (c) 26.957 – 27.283 MHz, power up to 10
milliwatts e.r.p. No charge
- (d) 40.66 - 40.70 MHz, power up to 10
milliwatts e.r.p. No charge
- (e) 138.20 - 138.45 MHz, power up to 10
milliwatts e.r.p. No charge
- (f) 433.05 - 434.79 MHz, duty cycle ; 10%,
power up to 10 milliwatts e.r.p. No charge
- (g) 433.05 - 434.79 MHz, power up to 1
milliwatt e.r.p. No charge
- (h) 434.04 - 434.79 MHz, duty cycle up to
100%, channel spacing up to 25 kHz, power
up to 10 milliwatts e.r.p. No charge
- (i) 863.0 - 870.0 MHz, duty cycle up to 0.1%
or LBT, power up to 25 milliwatts e.r.p. No charge
- (j) 868.0 - 868.6 MHz, duty cycle up to 1%
or LBT, power up to 25 milliwatts e.r.p. No charge
- (k) 868.7 - 869.2 MHz, duty cycle up to 0.1%
or LBT, power up to 25 milliwatts e.r.p. No charge
- (l) 869.4 - 869.65 MHz, duty cycle up to
10% or LBT, channel spacing up to 25 kHz,
power up to 500 milliwatts e.r.p. No charge
- (m) 869.7 - 870.0 MHz, duty cycle up to
100%, power up to 5 milliwatts e.r.p. No charge
- (n) 2400.0 - 2483.5 MHz, power up to 10
milliwatts e.i.r.p. No charge
- (o) 5725 - 5875 MHz, power up to 25
milliwatts e.i.r.p. No charge
- (p) 24.0 - 24.25 GHz, power up to 100
milliwatts e.i.r.p. No charge”;

(4) In item 31 thereof after the words “Wideband data transmission systems” there shall be added the words “and wireless access systems”;

(5) in item 32 thereof after sub-item (i) there shall be added the following:

“(j) 135.0 - 140.0 kHz, field strength up to
42 dB μ A/m at 10m No charge

(k) 140.0 - 148.5 kHz, field strength up to
37.7 dB μ A/m at 10m No charge

(l) 148.5.0 - 5000.0 kHz, field strength up to
-15 dB μ A/m at 10m No charge

(m) 400.0 - 600.0 kHz, field strength up to
-8 dB μ A/m at 10m No charge

(n) 3155.0 – 3400.0 kHz, field strength up to
13.5 dB μ A/m at 10m No charge

(o) 5.0 - 30.0 MHz, field strength up to
-20 dB μ A/m at 10m No charge

(p) 13.553 - 13.567 MHz, field strength up to
60 dB μ A/m at 10 m in connection with Radio
Frequency Identification Devices (RFID) and
Electronic Article Surveillance (EAS) systems No charge

(q) 10.2 - 11.0 MHz, field strength up to
9 dB μ A/m at 10m No charge”;

(6) in item 33 thereof after sub-item (b) there shall be added the following:

“(c) 9200 - 9500 MHz, power up to 25
milliwatts e.i.r.p. No charge

(d) 9500 - 9975 MHz, power up to 25
milliwatts e.i.r.p. No charge

(e) 10.5 – 10.6 GHz, power up to 500
milliwatts e.i.r.p. No charge

(f) 13.4 – 14.0 GHz, power up to 25
milliwatts e.i.r.p. No charge”;

(7) in item 34 thereof after sub-item (c) there shall be added the following:

“(d) 869.3 - 869.4 MHz, power up to 10 milliwatts e.r.p., 25 kHz channel spacing No charge”;

(8) item 35 thereof shall be substituted with the following:

“35. Short range devices used for social alarm systems, excluding devices for audio and voice applications, operating in the frequency bands:

(a) 169.475 - 169.4875, power up to 10 milliwatts e.r.p., 12.5 kHz channel spacing No charge

(b) 169.5875 - 169.6, power up to 10 milliwatts e.r.p., 12.5 kHz channel spacing ... No charge

(c) 869.2 - 869.25, power up to 10 milliwatts e.r.p., 25 kHz channel spacing No charge”;

(9) in item 39 thereof after sub-item (b) there shall be added the following:

“(c) 87.5 - 108 MHz, power up to 50 nanowatts e.r.p., 200 kHz channel spacing No charge

(d) 1795 - 1800 MHz, power up to 20 milliwatts e.r.p. No charge”;
and

(10) immediately after item 41 thereof, there shall be added the following new items:

“42. Automotive short range radars operating in the frequency bands 21.65 - 26.65 GHz and 77 - 81 GHz No charge

43. Short range radiocommunications
apparatus using ultra-wideband technology ... No charge

44. Radio Frequency Identification (RFID)
apparatus operating in the frequency bands:

(a) 865.0 - 865.6 MHz, power up to 100
milliwatts e.r.p., 200 kHz channel spacing No charge

(b) 865.6 - 867.6 MHz, power up to 2 Watts
e.r.p., 200 kHz channel spacing No charge

(c) 867.6 - 868 MHz, power up to 500
milliwatts e.r.p., 200 kHz channel spacing No charge

45. Radiocommunications apparatus for
tracking, tracing and data acquisition operating
in the frequency band 169.4 - 169.475 MHz,
power up to 500 milliwatts e.r.p., 50 kHz
maximum channel spacing No charge”.

Provided that the provisions of this Section as amended with
effect from the 1st January, 2008:

(i) shall not give rise to any right to claim an abatement or
refund, and

(ii) shall not prejudice the validity of any payment made or
the right to claim any payment which was due prior to the 1st
January, 2008;

in respect of any licence issued, granted, renewed or due to have been
renewed prior to the 1st January, 2008 in accordance with this Section
as then in force, notwithstanding that any such licence covered or would
have covered any period after the 1st January, 2008.

3. The words “10.00,0” in Section III of the Schedule to the
principal regulations shall be substituted with the words “€35.00”.

Amends Section III
of the Schedule to
the principal
regulations.

Amends Section VI
of the Schedule to
the principal
regulations.

4. (1) Item 3 of Section VI of the Schedule to the principal regulations shall be substituted with the following:

“3. Exemptions €230.00”;
and

(2) after item 3 of Section VI of the Schedule to the principal regulations, there shall be added the following new items:

“4. Administrative services related to
maritime licences not otherwise covered by
the above mentioned fees € 35.00

5. Assignment of Maltese identities for
apparatus by a general authorisation..... € 55.00”.

