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**Director General**

Botswana Unified Revenue Services  
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Dear Sir/Madam,

**RE: TYPE APPROVAL EXEMPTION**

The above refers.

2. The Botswana Communications Regulatory Authority (“BOCRA or the Authority”) is mandated by the Communications Regulatory Authority Act of 2012 (hereinafter, called the Act or CRA Act) Section 84 and Section 85 to manage type approve of telecommunications equipment that may be connected, used, or operated to provide Communications Services in Botswana. Type Approval regime is meant to ensure that communications equipment’s used in Botswana are compliant with national standards, which cover Health and Safety, Electro-magnetic Compatibility, interoperability, specific absorption rate and National Radio Frequency Plan.

3. The Authority is further empowered to direct and guide when there are telecommunications equipment’s which are to be exempted from Type Approval. Following the review of Type Approval Guidelines 2023, it was recommended that the following equipment be exempted from type approval:

- i. Personal Computers, laptops, Tablets, IoT etc. (embedded with Wi-Fi transceivers, Bluetooth transceivers, with the provision that the Wi-Fi transceiver, Wi-Fi5 CERTIFIED™;
- ii. Receive only Equipment (FM/MW/SW Radios, Television, Satellite decoders, Set-top Boxes);
- iii. Vehicle embedded RTTE (Blue tooth, navigation, remote sensors, Car Keys etc), should however ensure that RTTE operate in the appropriate frequency bands;



iv. And GMPCS Mobile Satellite Terminals with  
“ITU” mark.

4. These exemptions are to apply for model of devices which fall in the above criterion. For further information or clarification kindly contact the following:

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Yours Sincerely

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