

Proposed variation to the Radiocommunications (Low Interference Potential Devices) Class Licence 2000

Under the *Radiocommunications Act 1992*, all radiocommunications devices within Australia must be authorised by a radiocommunications licence. Class licensing is a type of licence that sets out the conditions under which any person is permitted to operate any device to which the class licence is applicable. It is not issued to an individual user, and does not involve the payment of licence fees. ACMA issues class licences, which are registered on the Federal Register of Legislative Instruments.

The Radiocommunications (Low Interference Potential Devices) Class Licence 2000 (the LIPD Class Licence) authorises the operation of a wide range of low-power radiocommunications devices in various segments of the radiofrequency spectrum. Examples of equipment covered by the LIPD Class Licence are garage door openers, radiofrequency identification transmitters and personal alarms.

ACMA is now proposing to vary the LIPD Class Licence and revoke the Radiocommunications

video sender transmitters that are used to transmit analog video and audio signals over very short distances.

ACMA proposes to vary the LIPD Class Licence by adding the following new item:

- video sender transmitters (currently authorised by the Miscellaneous Devices Class Licence).

ACMA is also proposing to extend the arrangements for the following existing item in the LIPD Class Licence:

- radiofrequency identification (RFID) systems in

ACMA also proposes to include definitions in the LIPD Class Licence for:

- maximum equivalent isotropically radiated power (EIRP); and
- the European Telecommunications Standards Institute (ETSI).

Under section 136 of the *Radiocommunications Act 1992*, the proposed variation to the LIPD Class Licence and proposed revocation of the Miscellaneous Devices Class Licence are subject to one month-long public consultation. All interested parties are invited to comment in writing on the draft variation to the LIPD Class Licence and draft revocation of the Miscellaneous Devices Class Licence. These documents and background paper to both draft instruments are now available on ACMA's website at <www.acma.gov.au>.

Comments can be made by email to <regulatorydevelopment@acma.gov.au>, by fax to (03) 9963 6989 or by post to:

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Written comments should be received no later than 1 December 2008. Late submissions cannot be considered.

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Miscellaneous Devices Class Licence 1999 (the Miscellaneous Devices Class Licence).

The LIPD Class Licence contains the licence conditions, operating requirements and technical parameters associated with the operation of a wide range of low-power radiocommunications devices operating in various segments of the radiofrequency spectrum. The Miscellaneous Devices Class Licence authorises the operation of

the 900 MHz band. The new item authorises high-power RFID systems of 4 watt maximum EIRP.

ACMA proposes to vary the following existing item in the LIPD Class Licence:

- medical implant communications systems transmitters. The item is divided into two to align international standards with the portion of the band to which they apply.