

Federal Department of the Environment, Transport, Energy and Communications DETEC

Federal Office of Communications OFCOM Radio Monitoring and Equipment Division Legal and Market Surveillance Affairs Section

I. General information concerning the use of the frequency spectrum

The Federal Office of Communications (OFCOM) is responsible for monitoring compliance with the Telecommunications Act and the relevant ordinances, among other things. To this end, OFCOM is also empowered to carry out checks in accordance with Art. 33 of the Telecommunications Act of 30 April 1997 (TCA) and Art. 36 ff. of the Ordinance on Telecommunications Installations (OTI) of 25th November 2015.

The frequency spectrum is a scarce natural resource. OFCOM must therefore ensure that as many users as possible are able to use the frequencies whose availability is restricted. OFCOM must also limit the undesirable effects of other telecommunications equipment or electrical equipment which may impair communication.

II. Wireless microphone equipment, wireless cameras and radio equipment

The use of the frequency spectrum with radio equipment (PMR / DMR) is subject to licensing requirement. Therefore, anyone wishing to use the radio communications frequency spectrum must obtain a licence. The licensee may use the radio equipment only for her own use.

Please find further information concerning frequency utilisation using the following links:

- wireless microphone equipment: https://www.bakom.admin.ch/bakom/en/homepage/equipments-and-installations/particular-equipment/radio-microphones.html
- wireless cameras: https://www.bakom.admin.ch/bakom/en/homepage/frequencies-and-antennas/frequency-use-with-or-without-licences/wireless-camera.html
- radio equipment:

https://www.bakom.admin.ch/bakom/en/homepage/frequencies-and-antennas/frequency-use-with-or-without-licences/radiocommunications-for-professional-use.html

Within the framework of its monitoring activity, OFCOM checks whether radio equipment, which requires a licence, is being operated with the necessary radio licence. However, OFCOM also checks whether the radio equipment used complies with the legal regulations in force. In case of non-compliance with the applicable law, a fine will be imposed.

Please take note that OFCOM will carry out corresponding controls during the international Motor Show 2019 in Geneva.

 Link to the legal fundamentals: https://www.admin.ch/opc/en/classified-compilation/19970160/index.html#a52

Thank you for your attention. We are, of course, at your disposal for any additional information you may require.

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