

# Application Form for an Interim A 2.1 GHz Band Liberalised Use Licence

**Application Form** 

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## 1 Notes for Applicant

- 1. This document ("Application Form") sets out the information required from Three Ireland (Hutchison) Limited<sup>1</sup> ("Three") (the "Applicant") should it wish to apply for an Interim A 2.1 GHz Band Liberalised Use Licence ("Application").<sup>2</sup>
- 2. The Application and granting by the Commission for Communications Regulation ("ComReg") of an Interim A 2.1 GHz Band Liberalised Use Licence are governed by the Wireless Telegraphy (Third Generation and GSM Licence (Amendment) and Interim Licensing) Regulations 2021 (S.I. No. 265 of 2021) ("2021 Regulations"). In particular, the 2021 Regulations detail the form and duration of an Interim A 2.1 GHz Band Liberalised Use Licence and the restrictions and conditions subject to which it would be granted by ComReg. The 2021 Regulations also amend the Wireless Telegraphy (Third Generation and GSM Licence) Regulations, 2002 and 2003 (S.I. No 345 of 2002 and S.I. No 340 of 2003) ("2002 and 2003 Regulations") (together "the Regulations")<sup>3</sup>.
- 3. As Three holds an Existing A Licence<sup>4</sup> (L3G1001) and an associated 2.1 GHz Band Liberalised Use Licence<sup>5</sup> (21L1002), both of which expire on 24 July 2022 (together "Existing 2.1 GHz Band A Licences"), ComReg may grant an Interim A 2.1 GHz Band Liberalised Use Licence to Three for the period 25 July 2022 to 15 October 2022, as provided for by Regulation 5 of the 2021 Regulations.
- 4. An Interim A 2.1 GHz Band Liberalised Use Licence allows the Licensee to keep and have possession of, install, maintain, work and use Liberalised Apparatus for wireless telegraphy for terrestrial systems capable of providing Electronic Communications Services in the 2.1 GHz Band in the part(s) of that band to which the Licence relates for the duration of the Licence.
- 5. An Interim A 2.1 GHz Band Liberalised Use Licence is a "non-exclusive" Licence and all Liberalised Apparatus licensed under a Licence are required to comply with, among other things, the conditions of the Licence and relevant European Commission decisions for the 2.1 GHz Band, i.e. Decision 2012/688/EU (as amended)<sup>6</sup>.
- 6. A completed Application Form to ComReg should be submitted by 10 June 2022.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> A company with a registered office at 28/29 Sir John Rogerson's Quay, Dublin 2.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Three is the only party eligible to apply for an Interim A 2.1 GHz Band Liberalised Use Licence. Chapter 4 of ComReg Document 20/122 provides background on the present licensing framework for the 2.1 GHz Band.

Capitalised terms used in this document and not otherwise defined are intended to bear the meaning ascribed to them in the Regulations or, where not defined in the Regulations, ComReg Document 21/40.
 I.e. Three's Third Generation and GSM Mobile Telephony Licence, issued under the 2002 and 2003.

Regulations, which is due to expire on 24 July 2022 - Licence Reference Number: L3G1001. 
<sup>5</sup> I.e. Three's 2.1 GHz Band Liberalised Use Licence, issued under the Regulations, which is due to expire on 24 July 2022 - Licence Reference Number: 21L1002.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> Commission Implementing Decision of 5 November 2012 on the harmonisation of the frequency bands 1 920-1 980 MHz and 2 110-2 170 MHz for terrestrial systems capable of providing electronic communications services in the Union, (2012/688/EU) as amended by (EU) 2020/667.

#### Spectrum Blocks and Licence Fees

- 7. Under its Existing 2.1 GHz Band A Licences, Three currently holds spectrum rights of use to three paired 2 x 5 MHz blocks of spectrum in the 2.1 GHz Band for FDD Mode as set out in Part 4 below.
- 8. Three may apply to use only those 2 x 5 MHz blocks of spectrum for which, at the time of application, it holds rights of use under its Existing 2.1 GHz Band A Licences.
- 9. The fee for an Interim A 2.1 GHz Band Liberalised Use Licence is €725,415 per 2 x 5 MHz block.
- 10. Following receipt of a valid Application, ComReg will invoice Three in respect of the relevant licence fees which must be paid before the licence may issue.

#### Validity and Submission of Applications

- 11. In order for an Application to be valid, Three must properly and satisfactorily complete and submit all sections of the Application Form. In that regard, Three **MUST**:
  - Provide full Applicant Details as set out in Part 1;
  - Provide a list of the locations at which Three seeks and is sufficiently ready to be authorised to keep and have possession of the Liberalised Apparatus (in Microsoft Excel format and using the headings set out in Part 2 below);
  - Provide details of the Liberalised Apparatus which Three seeks to be authorised to keep and have possession of (in Microsoft Excel format and using the headings set out in Part 3);
  - Indicate the spectrum blocks Three is applying for to include in the Licence (Part 4); and
  - Sign the Application Declaration Form (Part 5).
- 12. ComReg reserves the right to seek clarifications and/or further information from Three and to specify the timeframe within which such clarifications and/or further information must be provided.
- 13. A completed Application Form and accompanying documents (including Excel files as required under Parts 2 and 3 below) must be submitted by email to <a href="mailto:licensing@comreg.ie">licensing@comreg.ie</a>.

# **2 Application Form**

## **Part 1: Applicant Details**

| Full name of the company in whose name the Licence is sought              | Three Ireland (Hutchison) Limited        |
|---|--|
| Trading name<br>(If different from above)                                 | Three                                    |
| Company Registration Number (If limited company)                          |  |
| Applicant's ComReg eLicensing Account number                              |  |
| Business address  |  |
|   | 28/29 Sir John Rogerson's Quay, Dublin 2 |
| Contact name  |  |
| Contact phone number  |  |
| Contact e-mail for general matters relating to the Licence                |  |
| Contact e-mail to which the Licence can be sent (if different from above) |  |

## Part 2: Liberalised Apparatus Location and Details

Please provide details of the locations of the Liberalised Apparatus which the Applicant seeks to be authorised to keep and have possession of, in Microsoft Excel format, under the following headings:

| • | Band    | Site     | Eastings | Northings | Equipment | Maximum    | Maximum    |
|---|---------|----------|----------|-----------|-----------|------------|------------|
|   |         | Identity |          |           | Index     | EIRP       | TRP        |
|   |         |          |          |           | Reference | (dBm/5MHz) | (dBm/5MHz) |
|   | 2.1 GHz |          |          |           |           |            |            |

## Part 3: Schedule of Liberalised Apparatus

Please provide details of the Liberalised Apparatus which the Applicant seeks to be authorised to keep and have possession of, in Microsoft Excel format, under the following headings:

| Band    | Equipment<br>Index<br>Reference | Terrestrial<br>System | Equipment<br>Description | Manufacturer | Model |
|---------|---------------------------------|-----------------------|--------------------------|--------------|-------|
| 2.1 GHz |                                 |                       |                          |              |       |

## Part 4: 2.1 GHz Band Block(s) to be applied for

The relevant blocks of spectrum that Three can apply for in an Interim A 2.1 GHz Band Liberalised Use Licence are set out in the table below.

Three should indicate which spectrum blocks, if any, it is applying to use.

Paired spectrum blocks, for FDD Mode operation, being applied for in Interim A 2.1 GHz

Band Liberalised Use Licence:

| Paired Spectrum Block  Mobile Transmit / Base Station Transmit | Applied for?<br>Indicate Yes or<br>No as appropriate |
|--|--|
| 1920-1925 MHz / 2110-2115 MHz                                  |  |
| 1930-1935 MHz / 2120-2125 MHz                                  |  |
| 1970-1975 MHz / 2160-2165 MHz                                  |  |

## **Part 5: Application Declaration Form**

#### **Declaration by Applicant**

#### Interim A 2.1 GHz Band Liberalised Licence

I hereby certify that the information provided in this Application is, to the best of my knowledge, true and complete and I accept that the provision of incorrect or misleading information, or mis-declarations in this form, may render this Application, and any Interim A 2.1 GHz Band Liberalised Licence granted on foot of this Application, null and void.

In accordance with the Wireless Telegraphy Act of 1926, as amended, I accept responsibility for the installation and maintenance of the Liberalised Apparatus.

I accept that the grant of an Interim A 2.1 GHz Band Liberalised Licence does not confer any right of ownership of the frequency spectrum to which the Interim A 2.1 GHz Band Liberalised Licence relates, and agree to abide by all conditions of the Interim A 2.1 GHz Band Liberalised Licence and any direction made by the Commission for Communications Regulation (ComReg) from time to time.

I accept that ComReg may publish and/or make available information relating to the Interim A 2.1 GHz Band Liberalised Licence and certain information relating to this Application may be contained in such publications.

I confirm that no change will be made in any of the foregoing without the prior approval of ComReg.

| I certify that I am duly authorised by |                  | to mak |
|--|------------------|--------|
|  | (Applicant name) |        |
| this declaration and to sign on beha   | lf of            |        |
|  | (Applicant name) |        |
|  |                  |        |
| Signature:                             |                  |        |
| _                                      |                  |        |
| Name in Comital Latters Only           |                  |        |
| Name in Capital Letters Only:          |                  |        |
|  |                  |        |
| Position:                              |                  | -      |
|  |                  |        |
| Date:                                  |                  | -      |