



Information Notice

**Consolidated Technical Conditions for
Analogue Radio**

**General conditions attached to a licensed analogue VHF
- FM, LF and MF - AM Broadcasting Station**

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1 Introduction

This Information Notice is published by the Commission for Communications Regulation (“ComReg”) to make interested parties aware of the proposed Technical Conditions for Analogue Radio, as set out in Appendix A.

The Technical Conditions specify the general conditions attached to a licence issued by ComReg to: -

- (a) the Broadcasting Authority of Ireland (“BAI”) under Part 6 of the Broadcasting Act 2009, for the establishment, maintenance and operation of a LF-MF independent radio station in the frequency band 150 – 285 kHz or 525 – 1605 kHz and/or a VHF-FM station for an independent radio service in the frequency bands 87.5 to 108MHz. These conditions are set out in accordance with section 59(3) of the Broadcasting Act 2009;
- (b) RTÉ for the establishment maintenance and operation of analogue radio broadcasting stations. These conditions are set out in accordance with section 121(1) of the Broadcasting Act 2009.

The BAI, in accordance with section 50 of the Broadcasting Act 2009, shall ensure that these technical conditions are complied with by the sound broadcasting contractor concerned.

Appendix A is intended to consolidate the technical conditions for VHF-FM and LF/MF – AM stations into one document. These conditions shall apply to all such stations in the frequency bands 150 – 285 kHz, 525 – 1605 kHz and 87.5 – 108.0 MHz. Appendix A is also intended to replace the document published by the Department of Transport, Energy and Communications in September 1995 (T&RT 95/10) and the analogue radio technical conditions contained in the RTÉ licence of 2005, (ComReg document 05/13a).

2 Background

The current technical conditions relating to the establishment and operation of a VHF – FM station in the independent radio service in the frequency band 87.5 – 108 MHz are set out in the document published by the Department of Transport, Energy and Communications in September 1995 (T&RT 95/10).

For RTÉ the current technical conditions relating to the establishment and operation of VHF-FM stations in the frequency band 87.5 – 108 MHz and LF/MF – AM stations in the frequency bands 150 – 285 kHz or 525 – 1605 kHz are as per the RTÉ licence of 2005 (ComReg document 05/13a, published 22 Feb 2005).

The technical conditions for VHF – FM stations for the independent radio service and RTÉ are in essence the same though document T&RT 95/10 does not include technical conditions for LF/MF – AM stations.

The purpose of the proposed analogue radio technical conditions, as set out in Appendix A, is to consolidate the technical conditions for all VHF-FM and LF/MF – AM stations in the frequency bands 150 – 285 kHz, 525 – 1605 kHz and 87.5 – 108.0 MHz.

3 Submitting inputs and views

ComReg invites written views on the Technical Conditions for Analogue Radio by **11 JANUARY 2012 at 5pm.**

All views are welcome.

In order to promote further openness and transparency ComReg will publish all non-confidential views received, subject to the provisions of ComReg's guidelines on the treatment of confidential information (ComReg document 05/24). We request that electronic submissions be submitted in an-unprotected format so that they can be published electronically.

As it is ComReg's policy to make all responses available on its web-site and for inspection generally, respondents to consultations are requested to clearly identify confidential material and place confidential material in a separate annex to their response

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ComReg documents 05/24 and 05/13a, referenced above, are accessible at www.comreg.ie.

Appendix A - Technical Conditions for Analogue Radio