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Background

The Telecommunications Act, [Cap 72:03] requires a person to have a valid radio licence in order to possess or operate radio communication equipment whether in assembled or unassembled form. This applies to all radio communication equipment whether new, obsolete, not in use or is stored away.

Sections 44 of the Telecommunications Act prohibits a person from selling, transferring or otherwise disposing radio communication equipment, to any person who has not been granted a licence under the Act.

The procedure that follows outlines how one should dispose radio communication equipment.

Procedure for Disposal

Step 1

A radio licensee who wishes to dispose radio communication equipment shall take the equipment to a licensed radio communication equipment dealer who shall determine whether the equipment is useable or unusable. The radio dealer will then proceed to remove the frequencies or de-program the equipment.

Step 2

If the equipment is useable, then the licensee shall decide on how he wants to dispose the equipment (for example either sell it to the radio communications equipment dealer, auction it or have a private sale).

If the equipment is not useable the radio licensee and radio dealer will decide on the salvaging or destruction of the equipment.

Step 3

Following the sale of the usable radio, the licensee and the buyer shall complete the transfer certificate.

Where the radio communication equipment has been destroyed, the radio dealer will issue a boarding certificate detailing the equipment specification. The radio licensee will submit the boarding certificate to the BTA for de-registration.

Step 4

The licensee and the buyer shall then go to the BTA to effect the transfer of the licence and equipment. At this stage the Authority shall satisfy itself that the selling party has cleared any outstanding licence fees.

Step 5

The seller's licence shall then be cancelled. The buyer shall then apply for a licence in accordance with the existing procedures and only then take possession of the radio communications equipment after they have satisfied the licensing requirements.