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Following the publication of a communiqué dated 17 May 2023 regarding the requirement of a licence for the operation of wireless microphone systems in the frequency bands 174-214 MHz, 470-694 MHz and 823-832 MHz, the ICT Authority wishes to bring the following clarifications: -

1. This licensing requirement is not new and the Low Power Radio Device (RA27) Licence has been prescribed **since 2003** (Information and Communication Technologies (Licensing and Fees) Regulations 2003 GN 97/2003);
2. Many users of wireless microphone systems in the abovementioned frequency bands have already been issued with the RA27 licence over the years;
3. The licensing of wireless microphone systems in the above frequency bands is required in order to mitigate risks of interference to other legitimate users of the bands for example reception of digital television;
4. The requirement for licensing in the abovementioned frequency bands is not unique to Mauritius and the same requirement exists in the European Union; and
5. The requirement for being licensed does **NOT** apply to **wireless microphone systems operating in the 863-865 MHz band, and those using WiFi or Bluetooth only.**

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