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NCA Invites Comments on Draft Electronic Communications Equipment (Type Approval) Regulations, 2019

Accra, June 4, 2019: The National Communications Authority (NCA) has published the draft Electronic Communications Equipment (Type Approval) Regulations, 2019 for stakeholders' comments. The Authority intends to introduce these Regulations to enforce Regulation 3 (n) of the National Communications Authority Act of 2008, Act 769 which empowers the NCA to certify and ensure the testing of Electronic Communications Equipment for compliance with international standards; and environmental health and safety standards including electromagnetic radiation and emissions.

Additionally, the regulations will streamline the Type Approval framework in accordance with Sections 66 and 67 of the Electronic Communications Act, 2008, Act 775 and Regulations 78 and 79 of Electronic Communications Regulations 2011, L.I. 1991 whiles Categorizing Electronic Communications Equipment with respect to Equipment Type Approval. The Regulations will also Protect the integrity of public networks, ensure efficient use of the frequency spectrum, facilitate interoperability between communications networks and devices and avoid harmful interference to other communications systems. It will also ensure minimum guarantee of environmental safety and health of users of Electronic Communications Equipment, facilitate the availability of quality equipment to consumers and operators, promote the development of communications networks, including the supply of Electronic Communications Equipment by licensed suppliers, define processes for the Type Approvals of Electronic Communications Equipment and ensure conformance to national and international standards.

The NCA considers public involvement in, and information about regulatory activities to be a foundation for strong, fair and transparent regulation of the electronic communications industry. The Authority further recognises the public's interest in the proper regulation of



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electronic communications activities and provide opportunities for citizens to be heard.

Accordingly, in pursuance of Section 4.1 of the National Telecommunication Policy (2005) and Section 5(h) of the National Communications Authority Act, 2008, Act 769, the Authority is inviting views and comments on the **Draft Electronic Communications Equipment (Type Approval) Regulations, 2019**. This draft can be accessed on the Authority's website, www.nca.org.gh.

The public consultation begins on **4th June, 2019** and ends on **17th July, 2019** after which public consultation workshops will be organized in some regional capitals to engage with other stakeholders. All responses/comments should be electronically sent as e-mail attachments, in Microsoft word format to info@nca.org.gh. All respondents are requested to complete a response cover sheet (annexed A). The NCA wishes to state that in furtherance of transparency and openness, the Authority shall consider all responses as non-confidential; accordingly, all submissions shall be published on our website after review by the NCA.

Download documents below;

<https://www.nca.org.gh/assets/Uploads/TYPE-APPROVAL-REGULATIONS-DRAFT.pdf>

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About NCA

The National Communications Authority, (NCA), was established by an Act of Parliament, Act 524 in December 1996, which has been repealed and replaced by the National Communications



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Authority Act, 2008 (Act 769). The Authority is the statutory body mandated to license and to regulate electronic communication activities and services in the country.