

**FACT SHEET
 (April 2010)**

**OVERVIEW OF NEW TELECOMMUNICATION DEALER LICENSING AND
 EQUIPMENT REGISTRATION FRAMEWORK
 Changes from 15 April 2010**

Lifting of import control of all telecommunication equipment except prohibited telecommunication equipment or other equipment as determined by IDA.	
<u>Before</u>	<u>What's New</u>
Importers are required to seek prior approval from IDA for importation of telecommunication equipment.	<p>No approval requirement for import of all telecommunication equipment except the following prohibited telecommunication equipment or other equipment as determined by IDA, which are still required to obtain approval:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Scanning receivers • Military communication equipment • Telephone voice changing equipment • Radio-communication equipment (e.g.cordless telephone) operating in frequency bands 890-915 MHz and 935-960 MHz except Cellular Mobile Phones or such other equipment approved by IDA • Radio-communication jamming devices operating in any frequency band

Extending the licence period of Dealer's Individual (DI) Licence from One year to Five years.	
The DI Licence is for dealers selling both registered and non-registered telecommunication equipment (for export) only. ¹	
<u>Before</u>	<u>What's New</u>
DI Licence fee to be renewed annually, at \$250 a year.	IDA will implement a 5-year licensing scheme for DI Licence. Existing annual DI

¹ IDA issues two types of Dealer Licences, a Dealer's Class Licence and a Dealer's Individual Licence. A Dealer's Class Licence allows the licensee to market/sell registered equipment or telecommunication equipment not requiring approval as set out in the First Schedule of the Telecommunication (Dealer) Regulations (e.g. telephone, caller identification equipment, facsimile transceiver, etc.). A Dealer's Individual Licence enables the licensee to also market/sell non-registered equipment (for export only) in addition to the above.

	licence will be converted to a 5-year licence when it expires, i.e., during renewal of the annual DI licence. Licence fee will be revised from \$250 per year to \$250 for five years.
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Extending Coverage of Enhanced Simplified Equipment Registration (“ESER”) and Administration of Simplified Equipment Registration (“SER”) for mobile phones and broadband access equipment	
<u>Before</u>	<u>What’s New</u>
In August 2007, IDA relaxed the equipment registration framework by introducing the Enhanced Simplified Equipment Registration ² , which is a free-of-charge registration scheme for short-range / low power devices operating in industrial, scientific and medical (ISM) bands. It existed along with the Simplified Equipment Registration (SER) ³ and the General Equipment Registration (GER) ⁴ . 3G mobile phones were under the GER.	<p>IDA will extend the ESER to cover the following categories of equipment which are currently under the SER and GER scheme respectively:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Radio-communication equipment which transmits in harmonised frequency bands, which does not require users to obtain individual IDA licensing, e.g. cordless telephones and wireless LAN equipment operating in the 5GHz bands. • Complex/multi-line equipment (e.g. Private Automatic Branch Exchange systems, multiplexers and routers) of mature network technologies (e.g. Public Switched Telephone Network, Integrated Services Digital Network).

² The Enhanced Simplified Equipment Registration (ESER) was introduced in August 2007 for equipment whose approval can be based on a declaration of conformity that does not need prior verification by IDA. ESER is a free-of-charge registration scheme which covers short-range/low power devices operating in industrial, scientific and medical (ISM) bands. ISM-band applications include consumer products such as wireless home data telemetry and security systems, keyless automobile entry systems, remote-controlled toys, WiFi- and Bluetooth-enabled computer peripherals and wireless audio applications (cordless headphones, microphones and loudspeakers).

³ The Simplified Equipment Registration Scheme (SER) applies to equipment whose standards have been largely harmonised worldwide, and which requires checking of a few key parameters by IDA before granting approval. Currently, SER covers 2nd Generation Mobile / Global Mobile Personal Communications Satellite (GSM/GMPCS) terminals, cordless phones, short range devices such as induction loop and telemetry systems, wireless local area networks, remote controls, digital subscriber line and cable modems.

⁴ The General Equipment Registration Scheme (GER) applies to equipment which potentially will have major impact on operators or users if it does not comply with the IDA standards. Evaluation by IDA of the equipment certification or testing results is necessary. Currently, GER covers equipment of a new technology, complex switching or high power radio-communication equipment with no harmonised worldwide standards. For example, ultra-wideband (UWB), wireless broadband access (WBA) equipment, 3rd Generation (3G) mobile phones, land mobile radios and PABX systems are under the GER.

	IDA will also move the approval scheme for 3G mobile phones previously under the GER scheme to the SER scheme. With this move, the SER will only be administered for 2G/3G/GMPCS mobile terminals, ADSL and cable modems.
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