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Sub: Requirement of type approval from WPC for import of wireless transmitters, wireless receiver, remote controlled toy helicopters, toy aeroplanes for hobby/recreational/aero modelling purpose and other wireless equipment operating in the frequency band of 2.4 GHz to 2.4835 GHz – reg.

Attention is invited of all trade members & individual importers importing or receiving gifts at Postal Appraising Section, Foreign Post Office, Mumbai, from abroad consisting of wireless transmitters, wireless receivers, remote controlled toy helicopters & toy aeroplanes for hobby/recreational/aero-modelling purposes and other wireless equipments in the frequency band of 2.4 GHz to 2.4835 GHz. to Rule 3 of Use of Low Power Equipment in the frequency band 2.4 GHz to 2.4835 GHz (Exemption from Licensing Requirement) Rules, 2005”, which specifies:

“Notwithstanding anything contained in any law for the time being in force, no licence shall be required by any person to establish, maintain, work, possess or deal in any wireless equipment, on non-interference, non-protection and shared (non-exclusive) basis, in the frequency band 2.4 GHz with the transmitter power, Effective Radiated Power and height of antenna as specified in the Table below, namely:-

TABLE

Maximum out power of transmitter	Maximum Effective Radiated Power	Height of Antenna
(1)	(2)	(3)
1 W (30 dBm) in Spread of 10 MHz or higher	4 W (36 dBm)	Within 5 metres above the Roof top of existing Authorized building.

2. Further as per Rule 6 of the above Rules:

(1) The wireless equipment shall be type approved and designed and constructed in such manner that the bandwidth of emission and other parameters shall conform to the limits specified in the Table referred to in rule 3.

(2) The application for obtaining equipment type approval shall be made to the Central Government in such form as may be specified by that Government in this behalf”.

3. Kind attention is also invited to the frequently asked questions available on the website www.wpc.dot.gov.in, FAQ No.5, which is as follows:

Qn: If a particular product is exempted from license, still I need to notify Wireless Planning and Co-ordination Wing (WPC) about it before use? Can I import the same without need of any license?

Ans: If the produce is not Type Approved, then it is required to inform WPC and obtain Type Approval from WPC. Import License is required from WPC to import any equipment, other than Broadcasting Receiver and TVRO System”.

4. Accordingly, even if as per manufacturer’s catalogue/certificate/clarification, the imported subject wireless equipment meets all the conditions of Rule 3 even then as per Rule 6 type approval of the said equipment is required to be obtained from WPC. Each & every wireless equipment operating in frequency band of 2.4GHz to 2.4835 GHz be it transmitter, receiver, toy helicopter, toy aeroplane etc. whether meeting the requirements of Rule 3 or otherwise are required to be type approved by the WPC before being imported into India. If the product is not already type approved then after goods arrive in India and before customs clearance, importers are required to inform WPC and obtain type approval from them.

5. Accordingly, all the importers and trade members are hereby informed that henceforth no import clearance of any subject mentioned wireless equipment will be allowed unless it is type approved by the WPC. This is equally applicable to individual importers importing one or two pieces for personal use i.e. hobby/recreation/aero-modelling purposes as well as traders in commercial quantity.

6. For procedure regarding obtaining type approval, please refer to Memorandum dated 08.02.2007 of Ministry of Communications & Information Technology and the format for application for equipment type approval, both available on website www.wpc.dot.gov.in/docfiles/etaapplication.doc

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