

Chances are your radio mics days are numbered.....

New laws come into place on January 1st 2015

From January 1st 2015 changes to the Telecommunications Act mean that you will not be able to use a radio mic, instrument transmitter or in ear monitoring system that operates between 695 and 820Mhz. This means you have less than 90 days to check your existing gear and decommission and replace it if necessary.

Why the change?

- The spectrum between 694 and 820MHz has been allocated for use by the telecommunications section.

Why can't we continue to use the 694-820MHz spectrum?

- It becomes illegal to do so from January 1st and strict penalties can be applied by the Australian Communication and Media Authority (ACMA) for breaches by wireless audio users.
- Wireless audio and mobile telephones were not designed to share the same space. Mobile phones used in the same vicinity as a radio mic will cause interference with the radio mics. Your existing products will become increasingly unreliable and eventually unusable as more mobile phones occupy the spectrum.

What you need to do?

- Check to see if your existing devices operate between **520 and 694MHz** or **1790 and 1800MHz**. If so, you can continue to use these devices. You will find this information on the device or in the owners manual.
- If your product operates between 695 and 820MHz then you need to decommission these devices and replace them with compliant products to be able to continue to use wireless audio from January 1st 2015 onwards.
- Be sure to replace your non-compliant devices with products sourced and sold through reputable suppliers who can guarantee that your new products is compliant post January 1st 2015.

Need more information?

- Speak to your retailers, wireless audio distributors, visit the [Australian Commercial and Entertainment Technologies Association](#) or visit the [ACMA wireless mic hub](#)