

DQ (DELIVERING QUALITY)

Production: Policy Statements

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Policy Statement Production Policies Ref 01
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Supporting information

The use of Wireless devices for production purposes are growing, but there are both legal and practical restrictions on the use of radio spectrum. The equipment must either be licensed (e.g. radio microphones), or officially exempt (e.g. Bluetooth) and regardless of the licensing arrangements, the equipment must be able to co-exist with other uses of the same spectrum in its vicinity.

Ofcom, the UK radio spectrum licensing authority, have announced that the radio channel currently used for radio microphones will be changing from Ch 69 to Ch 38 over the period 1/1/10 to 1/1/12. As a result [interim licensing arrangements](#) will exist during this transition period.

Before using, hiring or purchasing wireless production equipment, users should contact their [Head of Technology](#) for advice on licensing and co-existence issues.

Appendix A - Document History

Date	Version	Changes / Comments	Author
11/03/2010	01.01	Corrected DQ location, added supporting information on radio microphone licensing	Johnny Village
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