

Terms and conditions for the supply of radio frequencies

Based on Section 55 of the Telecommunications Act (TKG) of 22 June 2004 (Federal Law Gazette Part I (BGBl I) no. 29 p. 1190 ff) any frequency used in Germany requires frequency assignment. Unless a general frequency assignment has been issued, the Federal Network Agency for Electricity, Gas, Telecommunications, Post and Railways (Federal Network Agency) issues individual assignments. Where frequencies are to be used for a short time only, e.g. for car races, sports events, concerts and trade fairs, assignments are issued as short-term frequency assignments based on a simplified procedure. The following data is required for short-term frequency assignments:

- Applicant's/company's address, phone, fax, email
- Invoice address (if different)
- Contact person on location, mobile phone number
- Name of the event
- Coverage area / usage location data
- Installation location of the transmitter
- Time period of use
- Days of use
- Frequency range of the equipment
- Desired frequency (MHz)
- Bandwidth (MHz or kHz)
- Maximum transmitter output power (W/dBW)
- Maximum antenna gain (dB)
- Type of connection (ground-ground, ground-air, air-ground, satellite connection)
- Number of devices
- Description of the frequency use (microphones, earpieces, wireless cameras, telemetry, speech etc.)

A short-term frequency assignment is issued for a maximum duration of 30 (consecutive or non-consecutive) days for a single location. The days of use must lie within an overall usage period of no more than six months (reckoned from the first day of use). For longer periods (up to an additional 30 days), an additional frequency assignment can be made for a fee. Frequency assignments are fundamentally event- and location-specific. In accordance with Section 142 (1) of the Telecommunications Act (TKG) of 22 June 2004 (Federal Law Gazette (BGBl) p. 1190) in conjunction with the current version of the Frequency Fee Ordinance (FGebV), a fee is levied for each channel assigned for short-term use. For temporary operation (up to 30 days at a single location) of a channel, a fee of €130.00 is payable, and for each additional channel a fee of €50.00 is payable.

If you use frequencies without a valid frequency assignment, under Section 149 of the Telecommunications Act (TKG) this may be punishable by a fine not exceeding €500,000. Applicants are required to submit their applications not later than four (4) weeks prior to the intended start of use. For applications received at a later date – particularly if the frequency is intended to be used in the vicinity of a border to a neighbouring country – timely frequency assignment cannot be expected. Applications for short-term frequency use must be submitted to the Federal Network Agency.

Applicants must contact the Federal Network Agency regional office responsible for the location of operation of the radio equipment (exhibition grounds, concert hall etc.). The addresses of the Federal Network Agency's responsible regional offices may be found at the Federal Network Agency's website (http://www.bundesnetzagentur.de/cln_1931/DE/Allgemeines/DieBundesnetzagentur/UeberdieAgentur/Aussenstellen) Further information may be found on the homepage of the Federal Network Agency at www.bundesnetzagentur.de.