

## **Radio Waves Act**

### **Article 1 (Purpose)**

The purpose of this Act is to provide matters relating to the efficient utilization and control of radio waves to facilitate the promotion of radio waves and serve to promote public welfare by facilitating the utilization of radio waves and the development of radio-wave technologies.

### **Article 2 (Definitions of Terms)**

For the purpose of this Act,

1.the term "radio waves" means electromagnetic waves which propagate in space without any artificial guidance and have frequencies within the range determined by the International Telecommunication Union;

2.the term "distribution of frequencies" means determining the use of specified frequencies;

3.the term "allotment of frequencies" means granting specific persons the right to utilize specified frequencies;

4.the term "designation of frequencies" means designating specific frequencies to be used by a wireless station when permission is granted for setting up such wireless station;

5.the term "wireless facilities and equipment" means electrical facilities and equipment capable of sending or receiving radio waves;

6.the term "wireless station" means the integration of wireless facilities and equipment, and persons who operate such wireless facilities and equipment: Provided, That any wireless station set up only for the purpose of receiving broadcasts shall be excluded;

7.the term "person engaged in the wireless" means any person who operates wireless facilities and equipment or does the work of installing wireless facilities and equipment and holds a technical qualification delivered under the provisions of Article 70 (2);

8.the term "installer" means any person who opens a wireless station after getting permission from the Minister of Information and Communication or opens a wireless station under Article 19 (1) 3;

9.the term "broadcasting station" means a wireless station opened for the purpose of letting the public receive directly broadcasting signals;

10.the term "space station" means a wireless station opened in a manmade satellite;

11.the term "earth station" means a wireless station opened on earth to communicate with a space station;

12.the term "satellite network" means the integration of the communications

networks made up of the space stations and the earth stations;

13.the term "satellite orbit" means the location or track of the space station;

14.the term "electromagnetic disturbance" means that electromagnetic waves emitted by electromagnetic-wave-generating apparatuses (referring to the propagation of electromagnetic energy in space) or conducted by such electromagnetic-wave-generating apparatuses (referring to the flow of electromagnetic energy through power supply lines) disturb the performance of other apparatuses; and

15.the term "electromagnetic compatibility" means when apparatus that causes electromagnetic disturbances (hereinafter referred to as "electromagnetic disturbance apparatus") or apparatus that is affected by electromagnetic waves is in conformity with the standards for the prevention of electromagnetic disturbances under Article 56 and the standards for protection from electromagnetic waves.

#### Article 3 (Facilitation of Utilization of Radio Wave Resources)

The Government shall work out and implement policy measures necessary to facilitate the utilization of radio wave resources for the purpose of making the maximum utilization of limited radio wave resources and promoting the public welfare.

#### Article 4 (International Treaties Relating to Radio Waves)

In case that international treaties have the provisions governing the radio waves, such provisions shall prevail notwithstanding the provisions of this Act.

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