

## **PUBLIC NOTICE**

### **TYPE APPROVAL RENEWAL PROCESS CESSATION**

**EFFECTIVE 30 JULY 2020**

Botswana Communications Regulatory Authority, BOCRA is a statutory body enacted by the Act of Parliament, the Communications Regulatory Authority Act, CRA Act of 2012. BOCRA is mandated to regulate the ICT, Broadcasting and Postal services.

CRA Act of 2012 Section 84 (2) provides that

*A person who provides a telecommunications service or supplies telecommunications equipment shall not use any telecommunications equipment which has not been type approved by the Authority and no person shall connect, to any telecommunications system, any telecommunications equipment which has not been type approved.*

and CRA Act 2012 Section 85 (1) provides that

*A person who provides a broadcasting or postal service or supplies equipment shall not use such equipment unless it has been type approved by the Authority and no person shall connect to any broadcasting or postal system or equipment which has not been type approved.*

The Equipment Manufacturers, Equipment Distributors, Equipment Vendors, Service Providers and the General Public are hereby notified of the implementation about the cessation of renewal Type Approval Certificates. This is in line with the current Type Approval Guidelines (2015). BOCRA will from henceforth issue TA Certificates with no expiry dates. All those entities in possession of Certificates with expiry date should come to BOCRA or email requesting to be issued a new certificate



without expiry date, should they wish to continue distributing the equipment. They should make this request 3 months before the expiry dates.

However, the interested parties are reminded that any variations or upgrades of equipment, where such upgrades impact equipment safety, EMC, spectrum use, and standards would still require new Type Approval application.