



T-151 Spectrum Allocation of the 800-2600 MHz Bands

Allocation Outcome Information Note

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1 Information Note

- 1.1 The Jersey Competition Regulatory Authority (the **JCRA**) has completed the application and transfer stages of the Spectrum Allocation Framework established for spectrum bands between 800 MHz and 2600 MHz.¹ These were non-statutory processes developed to implement decisions contained in the JCRA's Spectrum Strategy² and to support recommendations to Ofcom regarding the future allocation and licensing of spectrum in Jersey.
- 1.2 The spectrum made available through the Framework comprised both historically unlicensed spectrum blocks and spectrum due to be relinquished following Sure (Jersey) Limited's (**Sure**) acquisition of Airtel (Jersey) Limited. Following consultation and publication of the Spectrum Strategy, the JCRA decided that this spectrum should be made available for application by Jersey's existing Full Service Network providers, JT (Jersey) Limited (**JT**) and Sure.
- 1.3 The Spectrum Allocation Framework consists of three stages:
 - a spectrum application process;
 - a spectrum transfer and rearrangement process; and
 - a spectrum licensing process involving modifications to relevant telecommunications licences and recommendations to Ofcom.
- 1.4 Following an assessment of applications received, the JCRA decided to progress applications from JT and Sure for additional spectrum. The JCRA subsequently facilitated discussions between the providers concerning the efficient arrangement of spectrum holdings across the relevant bands. These discussions resulted in proposals for spectrum allocations and associated spectrum rearrangements intended to create more efficient and contiguous holdings.
- 1.5 To progress the spectrum licensing stage of the Framework, the JCRA is publishing an Initial Notice proposing modifications to the telecoms licences of JT and Sure to incorporate the obligations associated with receiving additional spectrum. This is a statutory process carried out in accordance with Article 11 of the Telecommunications (Jersey) Law 2002. Subject to any representations, the JCRA may decide to issue a Final Notice modifying the licences of JT and Sure or issue a further Initial Notice explaining its intentions.
- 1.6 Alongside any Final Notice, the JCRA intends to send letters to Ofcom recommending that it carries out the necessary spectrum licensing activity needed to complete the spectrum licensing stage of the Framework. While the JCRA will have completed its assessment and recommendation process, Ofcom remains responsible for issuing, varying and managing spectrum licences in Jersey under the Wireless Telegraphy Act 2006. Any spectrum licence changes will therefore be subject to completion of Ofcom's own licensing processes.

¹ JCRA: T-151 Spectrum allocation framework and application process – see [here](#) for more information.

² JCRA: T-105 Spectrum strategy – see [here](#) for more information.

- 1.7 Thereafter, the JCRA expects the resulting spectrum allocations and associated licence obligations to support the continued development of Jersey's mobile networks and deliver benefits to Islanders through improved coverage, capacity, service quality, environmental performance and the efficient use of spectrum resources.