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## Is your wireless audio technology futureproof?



### USEFUL LINKS

#### OFCOM

(Government Office of Communications)

[www.ofcom.org.uk](http://www.ofcom.org.uk)

#### BEIRG

(British Entertainment Industry Radio Group)

[www.beirg.co.uk](http://www.beirg.co.uk)

#### EQUINITI

(PMSE Funding Scheme Administrator)

[www.pmsefunding.co.uk](http://www.pmsefunding.co.uk)

#### JFMG

(Joint Frequency Marketing Group)

[www.jfmfg.co.uk](http://www.jfmfg.co.uk)



### 2012 heralds some significant changes for the wireless equipment user.

Batmink, together with the industry's leading manufacturers, are committed to bringing you the most up to date information possible in order to assist your decision making process.



## What is happening?

Countries across Europe are clearing a block of radio frequencies to make way for new services. Part of this block – channel 69 (854-862 MHz) – is currently used by wireless microphones. Replacement frequencies for channel 69 have been made available in channel 38 (606-614 MHz) as well as other frequencies – but existing microphones will need to be replaced or modified to work with these new bands. There is, however, a limited frequency bandwidth available using channel 70 which is currently, and continues to be, license free.

## What help is available?

Ofcom is calling on licensed wireless microphone users to register for a Government funding scheme set up earlier this year to help pay for the replacement of channel 69 equipment. This equipment will contravene the new licensing laws in 2012. Those who are eligible under the terms of the scheme will receive roughly 55% of the retail value of their existing equipment towards the cost of replacement. **Registration for the scheme closes on 31 December 2010.**

For a rate card listing individual compensation amounts per product visit

<http://www.shareview.co.uk/clients/Ofcom/Documents/RATECARD.pdf>



## Who is eligible?

Eligible applicants must have held a valid WT Act channel 69 licence for at least part of the period between 3 February 2008 and 2 February 2009 inclusive. The exception to this will be equipment hire companies that can prove their channel 69 business exclusively involves renting out (and not installing or operating) channel 69 equipment. The equipment must be in working condition and capable of tuning to channel 69 but not to channel 38. It must have been bought before 30 June 2009.

**Users who consider themselves eligible for funding must register their claim by 31 December 2010.** Any claim received after this date will not be accepted under the terms of the funding scheme.

Applicants can register and manage their claims online at [www.pmsefunding.co.uk](http://www.pmsefunding.co.uk). Alternatively, they can call the helpline free of charge on 0800 011 3617.

## What next?



Any equipment eligible for the compensation scheme in 2012 will need to be surrendered before funds are received. Replacement equipment will need to be purchased and, depending on application, a number of alternatives are available. Batmink, as one of the UK's largest distributors of professional audio products, is able to offer a full range of equipment from the industry's leading manufacturers. Whatever your requirement or budget, we will endeavour to guide you through this process to ensure that your needs are met.

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