

LETTER REGARDING WIRELESS FREQUENCY CHANGES IN CANADA

Dear Church Customers,

In September of 2009, the ball began to roll regarding the de-regulation of frequency band waves in North America, with the intent to foster growth for tele-communication companies now and in the future. This de-regulation has an important impact on wireless microphones.

Wireless microphone systems operate by using a specific frequency within a set range, and attaching the microphone signal to that frequency. This new de-regulation means that more high powered telecommunication devices will now be found using the majority of these frequencies, potentially causing interference for your current wireless microphone systems.

The U.S. has a plan in place for their de-regulation, which should not be confused for what Canada is advising. **Canada is scheduled to proceed with de-regulation on March 31, 2011.** Furthermore, the **only bands that will be affected at that time will be 764 - 776 MHz, and 794 - 806 MHz.** All other bands will continue to work unaffected until a later date yet to be announced. Future de-regulation will eventually occur for the entire 698 - 806 MHz range, but again, no dates have been set for these further changes.

The question now becomes “how does this affect my current wireless microphone usage?” **The majority of the systems we have sold over the past decade were within the 650 - 710 MHz range.** These systems should continue to operate as normal for their remaining lifetime, according to the current advisory statements available in Canada. **Going forward, we will be selling systems using the 650 - 680 MHz range,** with a few other ranges available if required. This is also in accordance with the guidelines in the U.S., meaning our U.S. customers are free to continue purchasing systems from us without concern. If your system is operating within the de-regulated bands listed above, it will likely require replacing.

The other question may be “what about my other wireless equipment, like hearing assistance or wireless in-ear monitors?” There is not a single unit we sell, that we are aware of, that is operating in the de-regulated band, meaning there is no concern to be had for them.

I hope that this helps to clear up the situation; any further changes will be updated as time progresses, please refer back to our website over time for more details and these updates.

Sincerely,

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