



IMPORTANT INFORMATION ON RESOURCE INDUSTRY RADIO CHANNELS USED IN BRITISH COLUMBIA

You are receiving this notice because you are the holder of one or more two-way mobile radio station licences authorized for communications on British Columbia resource roads.

Please be advised that Industry Canada has designated a new block of 40 standardized radio channels for use on B.C. resource roads for road traffic assistance and safety. As of June 15, 2013, these new channels will be implemented on roads in the South Peace Region of B.C. Other areas of the province will follow. See the map on the reverse if you are unsure of what areas are affected.

If you operate on resource roads in the **South Peace**, it is imperative that you have the **40 new resource road channels installed in your radio(s) by a qualified radio equipment supplier prior to June 15, 2013**, or before travelling into this region.

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Background:

Industry Canada has been working with B.C.'s Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resources Operations, and other stakeholders to designate a province wide standardized block of two-way radio channels for resource road communications. The primary reason for this initiative is to reduce the high number of unique channels currently used for communications on B.C. resource roads which are more likely to cause interference, are complex to administer and as a result, raise certain safety issues.

Beginning in 2009, a new system of channels was piloted in the South Peace and also the Vancouver Island & Sunshine Coast regions. Based on the results of that pilot, a need was identified to make further changes, including elimination of CTCSS or "Tones".

These final channel changes which simplify the system will come into effect on **June 15, 2013 in the South Peace Region**, and will be expanded into other areas of B.C. in the future.

It is anticipated the Vancouver Island and Sunshine Coastal areas will be transitioned to the new block of 40 standardized radio channels in late 2013 or 2014.

Radio Licence Changes:

Industry Canada has already updated your radio licence(s) to include the 40 standardized resource road radio channels. If you would like to obtain an updated copy of your radio licence, it can be viewed and printed by entering your radio licence number (above) in the *virtual licence* option on Industry Canada's Spectrum Direct website located at: <http://www.ic.gc.ca/spectrumdirect/print-licence>

Should you have any difficulties viewing your radio licence, please contact the nearest Industry Canada office at the phone number identified at the bottom of the page. The new resource road channels are located in licence appendix RR.

Radio equipment suppliers in B.C. and Alberta have previously been provided with the technical parameters for the 40 new channels. This information, along for the conditions for using resource road channels, is also available when viewing your *virtual* radio licence at the Spectrum Direct website.

For future updates on the expansion of the standardized channels within B.C., please visit the Ministry of Forest, Lands and Natural Resource Operations Engineering web page at:

<http://www.for.gov.bc.ca/hth/engineering> Then select "Road Radio Communications Protocol"

To receive future email updates from Industry Canada on the resource road initiative, please send a request to princegeorge.district@ic.gc.ca indicating your account number and the topic.



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