

(EU) No 1079/2012 – 8.33 kHz Voice Channel Spacing (Final Phase)**CIVIL AVIATION DIRECTORATE - ANS & ADR Unit**
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Commission Implementing Regulation No 1079/2012 of 16th November 2012 laying down requirements for voice channel spacing for the Single European Sky.

1. Scope

The purpose of this notice is to inform aviation frequency users of the latest updates concerning Malta's implementation plan for the conversion to 8.33 kHz channel spacing, the upcoming testing periods and final changeover.

2. Implementation Plan

Pursuant to Article 14(2) and 14(3) of Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) No 1079/2012, Malta had notified the Commission of local measures granting exemptions from compliance with Articles 4(5), 5(4) and 6(10). These local measures will expire by the end of 2023. In view of this, the next phase for full compliance with the Regulation will come into force on 30th November 2023. This notice follows **Information Notice 02** and **02a**, both published on TM's website.

As from 30th November 2023 the following requirements will become mandatory:

- a) All airborne and ground radios transmitting on the aviation frequency spectrum are required to be 8.33 kHz compliant, unless used exclusively in one or more frequency assignments that will remain in 25 kHz (indicated in para 3 below). Aircraft not equipped with this capability shall not be authorized to fly within the Maltese airspace.
- b) All frequencies currently in 25 kHz will be converted to 8.33 kHz channels, with the exception to those frequencies which have been granted an exemption through the 8.33 National Coordinator or exempted by the Regulation.

3. Exempted Frequencies – will remain in 25 kHz

ATC ACC West Primary	130.975
ATC ACC West Secondary	127.525
ATC ACC East Primary	123.625
ATC ACC East Secondary	122.775
Emergency Frequency	121.500
Aux Frequency for SAR	123.100
VHF Digital Links (SITA & AIRINC)	various
ACARS Frequencies	various

Frequencies, other than those listed above shall not be used in 25 kHz channel spacing after 30 November 2023. The new channels assignments in 8.33 kHz channel spacing used for ATC & other A/G communications will be promulgated at a later stage through the Aeronautical Information Publication (AIP) and/or through MCA.

4. Testing Period

During the coming weeks tests will be carried out and some ATC channels will be transmitting only in 8.33 kHz channel spacing. Details of date, time and period will be notified via NOTAM. Non-equipped aircraft shall not fly during these periods.

For queries you may contact the 8.33 National Coordinator on email: roland.camilleri@transport.gov.mt

Users are reminded that it is unlawful to use non-compliant equipment and use unauthorised frequencies/channels.