



UHF RADIO MICROPHONE LICENSING

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Gordon Brown's government decided to sell off the 800mhz wave band for digital telephones etc the current Government have continued with the sale. Ofcom were given the job of clearing the radio mics from this wave band and have told all theatres etc to change radio mics. All users should have had a license for these. However, some suppliers failed to mention this. It was suggested that this would be good for jobs, which it was, in China!

Channel 69 is not to be used after December 2012.

All channel 70 UHF radio microphones can be used without a license. They will operate in the license free bands UHF 863. - 865 mhz However, you will only be able to get 4 mics working together in channel 70. If you wish to use large numbers of microphones you will need to be on Channel 38, 606 – 614 mhz. In such instance you will need to apply for license. It is a site license and not per radio mic.

The licensing process is simple and is controlled in the UK by JFMG Ltd. They will ensure that the correct frequencies are chosen, so as not to clash with other local users (adjacent schools and theatres etc). Other frequencies and options are available for fixed or special installations. Before purchasing any of our UHF radio mics for a fixed site, you must contact JFMG Ltd or visit their **website**. They will provide you with detailed information and license application forms. It is quite straightforward and not as expensive as you may think.

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Channel 38 information: in December 2009, Ofcom announced some changes to its licensing arrangements for wireless microphone systems. Wireless microphone users currently have exclusive use of one dedicated channel - channel 69, which will be cleared in 2012 to allow for new uses. To safeguard the future interests of wireless microphone users, Ofcom announced that there would be a replacement channel - channel 38, which will offer the same utility as channel 69. Channel 38 is already widely available in the UK although some areas will not be fully accessible until 2012.

We supply only channel 38 mics and recommend that you obtain a license. You would be liable to a fine and possible confiscation of your radio mics if still using channel 69, similar to the TV license scheme.

Yours faithfully

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