

**PROCEDURE FOR IMPORTING, INSTALLING AND OBTAINING A LICENCE FOR A
TELEVISION RECEIVE ONLY (TVRO) SATELLITE DISH**

The Communications Division of the DICT is responsible for authorising the importation and/or installation of satellite dishes in Seychelles. If you are considering importing satellite dish(es), please familiarize yourself with the information below on the procedure that need to be followed.

1. TVRO satellite dish is a **restricted good** under the Customs Management (Prohibited and Restricted Goods) Regulations, 2023¹.
2. **An import permit** is required from the Import/Export Permit Section of the Ministry of Finance, National Planning & Trade to import satellite dishes. Import Permit is granted upon authorisation from the Communications Division of the Department of ICT (DICT), Vice-President's Office.
3. If the satellite dish is not being imported (i.e. is being purchased/acquired locally), **authorisation is still required** from DICT for installation of the satellite dish.
4. Kindly note that a **Licence** is required under the law, to possess, set-up or operate a satellite dish in Seychelles unless if the satellite dish is intended for residential/personal use.
5. A TVRO satellite dish only **receives** signals and does not transmit signals e.g. it is used for receiving satellite TV such as DSTV, Canal+ etc.
6. In order to import or install a satellite dish, applicants must complete the "**TVRO Satellite Dish Importation/Installation Authorisation Application Form**" which can be obtained from and submitted to either of the following:
 - i. DICT;
 - ii. Import/Export Permit Section; and
 - iii. Satellite dish importers/retailers.

Notes

- a. All applications submitted to the Import/Export Permit Section and the satellite dish importers/retailers are forwarded to DICT for processing; and
 - b. The "**TVRO-Satellite Dish Importation/Installation Authorisation Application Form**" can also be downloaded at the following link:
http://www.ict.gov.sc/Documents/TVRO-Satellite_Dish_Installation-Importation_Authorization_Application_Form.pdf
7. **Details** of the diameter, envisaged location of installation and purpose of the satellite dish are vital information for the processing of the application, and must be submitted to DICT via the Form indicated in '6'.
 8. The Form indicated in '6' allows for different **purposes** for a satellite dish and these are:
 - i. Personal Use;
 - ii. Commercial Establishments;
 - iii. Commercial Tourism;
 - iv. Official Use at Embassies/Diplomatic Missions; and
 - v. Commercial Retail or Wholesale.

¹<https://src.gov.sc/wp-content/uploads/2023/11/SI-87-Customs-Management-Prohibited-and-Restricted-Goods-Regulations-2023.pdf>

9. Satellite dishes which will be used for “**Personal Use**” must be less than or equal to 2.4 m in diameter. On the other hand, requests for installation of satellite dishes of more than 2.4 m in diameter are considered in the following cases:
- (a) Large hotels/tourism establishments (Greater than 10 rooms).
 - (b) For official uses in Embassies, at the residence of the ambassadors, heads and deputy heads of diplomatic missions only.
 - (c) Any other case that may deserve exception.
10. Upon receipt of all necessary information, **DICT conducts the necessary analysis** to determine whether the applicant will be granted authorisation or not based on the size, quantity and purpose of the satellite dish. In certain cases, the the Ministry of Agriculture, Climate Change & Environment (MACCE) is consulted regarding the application.
11. In cases where DICT have **no objection in principle to grant authorisation** to the applicant, the applicant is requested by DICT to apply for a licence at Seychelles Licensing Authority (SLA) for operating the satellite dish prior to DICT granting the authorisation (**Not applicable for satellite dishes installed for residential/personal use**).
12. Once DICT receives confirmation from SLA of the applicant’s application for a licence to operate the satellite dish, DICT formally **grants authorisation to the applicant**; copying the correspondence to relevant parties; usually the Import/Export Permit Section, Commissioner General (Seychelles Revenue Commission), SLA, Planning Authority (Ministry of Land and Housing) and MACCE (depending on the use, size and quantity of satellite dishes).
13. In cases where DICT **refuses authorisation**, the applicant is formally advised of the decision; copying the correspondence to the relevant parties indicated in ‘12’.
14. In cases of applications to import the satellite dish, based on the decision of DICT, the Import/Export Permit Section either **grants or refuses** the applicant an Import Permit for the satellite dish.