



COMMUNICATIONS
AUTHORITY OF KENYA

PUBLIC NOTICE

TYPE APPROVAL OF DIGITAL VIDEO BROADCASTING – SECOND GENERATION TERRESTRIAL (DVB-T2) RECEIVERS FOR USE AND SALE IN THE KENYAN MARKET

The Communications Authority of Kenya (CA) is the regulatory agency for the ICT industry in Kenya with responsibilities in telecommunications, cyber security, e-commerce, broadcasting and postal/courier services. The CA is also responsible for managing the country's numbering and frequency spectrum resources, administering the Universal Service Fund (USF) as well as safeguarding the interests of users of ICT services. In addition, the Authority facilitates trade in ICT by clearing permits for type-approved imported equipment through the Kenya Trade Network Agency (KenTrade) National Single Window System (TradeNet System/Trade Facilitation Platform).

In line with the global digital migration agenda, Kenya transitioned from analogue to digital terrestrial broadcasting in 2015 and adopted the DVB-T2 standard to provide improved signal quality, more efficient spectrum use, and access to a wider range of broadcasting services.

To uphold technical integrity, consumer protection, and regulatory compliance, the Authority has published minimum technical specifications for DVB-T2 receivers, effective July 1st, 2025. In this regard, all DVB-T2 receivers – including Integrated Receiver Decoders (IRDs), TV sets with integrated IRDs, and Conditional Access Modules (CAMs) – must be Type Approved by the Authority before their importation, sale, or use in Kenya.

Therefore, entities intending to import, distribute, or sell DVB-T2 receiving equipment that have not yet been type approved **must submit a Type Approval application** to the Authority alongside the required documentation as indicated on the application form for purposes of ascertaining compliance to the Authority's new DVB-T2 technical specifications.

Details of the new specifications can be found on the Authority's website at <https://www.ca.go.ke/market-structure>, under the Type Approval Specifications tab.

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