

## NOTICE TO PERSONS USING VSAT or OUTSIDE BROADCAST SYSTEMS

The Telecommunications Authority of Trinidad and Tobago advises that any person who operates a Very Small Aperture Terminal (VSAT or earth station for satellite transmission) **without a licence** in transmitting any event ,including but not limited to, events such as concerts, sporting events and carnival shows (including street parades), is acting in contravention of Section 36(1) of the Telecommunications Act.

Please be further advised that Section 65 of the Telecommunications Act provides that any person who acts in contravention of Section 36 (1) of the said Act:

*“commits an offence and is liable on summary conviction to a fine of two hundred and fifty thousand dollars(\$250,000.00) and imprisonment for five years...”*

TAKE NOTICE that the Authority’s inspectors will conduct visits at venues and locations such as those listed above to ensure that any radiocommunication service and/or radio transmitting device is properly licensed.

The Authority advises that applications for Special Event Licences (including for VSAT services) be submitted no less than thirty (30)\* working days in advance of the event.

\*Applications for licences to transmit Carnival related events should, where possible, be submitted *no later than ten (10) working days in advance of the event.*

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