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Letter regarding changes to fees effective 2020

This letter is to inform you of the *Service Fees Act* (SFA), federal legislation that was passed in June 2017 and came into force in June 2018. The aim of the SFA is to increase transparency around federal fees while improving service to Canadians. All federal government departments are now required to increase fees each year by the cost of living, unless those fees are adjusted periodically by another means. Specifically, the SFA refers to Statistics Canada's April All-items Consumer Price Index (CPI) for determining the yearly rate of adjustment.

For radio and spectrum licensees and users of the services provided by the Certification and Engineering Bureau, fees will go up by **2.2% as of March 15, 2020**. While our radio licence fees have not increased since 1996, nor have our spectrum licence fees since 2004, we recognize that you may benefit from knowing about this fee increase in advance.

New fee tables and updated documentation will be published in the coming months on the Spectrum Management and Telecommunications website (<http://ic.gc.ca/spectrum>). Beginning March 15, 2020, the new fee tables will be used to calculate fees instead of the fee schedules found in the *Radiocommunication Regulations* and TRC-49, *Telecommunications and Radio Equipment Service Fees of the Certification and Engineering Bureau*.

To better serve you, we have provided our service standards as well as answers to frequently asked questions (FAQ) on the new legislation and how it affects our fees on our website.

Upcoming consultation on fee adjustments

Given our obligation under the *Service Fees Act* to adjust our fees from time to time, we would like your input on how the adjustment will be applied in future years. Innovation, Science and Economic Development Canada is providing interested parties the opportunity to comment on an alternative to yearly CPI-based fee increases.

Check our website for the upcoming release of this consultation.

We look forward to hearing from you!

Sincerely,

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