

Press release

## FREQUENCIES – FRENCH OVERSEAS TERRITORIES

### Arcep awards temporary licences to use frequencies in the 900 MHz, 1800 MHz, 2.1 GHz and 2.6 GHz bands in Mayotte

#### Erratum of 7 February 2025

Following the publication of the temporary licences to use frequencies in the 900 MHz, 1800 MHz, 2.1 GHz and 2.6 GHz bands in Mayotte, an error was identified in the press release accompanying the publication, on the diagram relating to the 2.6 GHz band in Mayotte from 21 February 2025 until 20 February 2028.

This error has been corrected in this version of the press release.

Paris, 6 February 2025

The passage of cyclone Chido in the archipelago of Mayotte in December 2024 caused massive human and material damage, and fixed and mobile network infrastructures were not spared. With a view to rapidly restoring access to telecommunications and internet services across the territory, Arcep held a public consultation to collect operators' requests for the "award of temporary frequency licences to restore and strengthen the capacity of public mobile networks in Mayotte". Today, the Authority is publishing the responses it received, and is awarding temporary licences to use frequencies in the 900 MHz, 1800 MHz, 2.1 GHz and 2.6 GHz bands in Mayotte.

#### Temporary licences to rapidly restore ultrafast internet access

On 6 February 2025, Arcep thus awarded temporary frequency licences in Mayotte to the firms Orange, SRR and Telco OI, in the 900 MHz, 1800 MHz, 2.1 GHz and 2.6 GHz bands. These licences are valid until 30 April 2025 for the 900 MHz, 1800 MHz and 2.1 GHz bands, and until 20 February 2028 for the 2.6 GHz band. As a reminder: frequency assignments in the 900 MHz, 1800 MHz and 2.1 GHz bands provided for by the assignment procedure the Government launched through the Order of 15 July 2024 will come into effect on 1 May 2025.

The arrangements for the licences to use the frequencies can be found in the Annex to this press release.

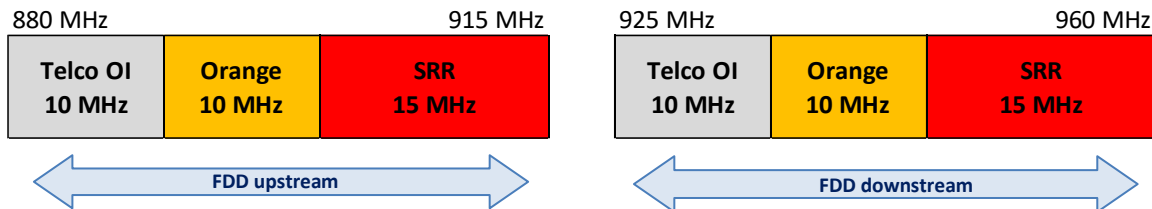
The purpose of the temporary licences is to offset the risks of overloading mobile networks while work is being done to restore infrastructures, particularly in cases where they would be used to provide fixed access services as a stopgap solution before deploying superfast fixed networks.

Arcep also continues to examine the requirements that stakeholders have expressed in other frequency bands where spectrum resources could be available in Mayotte.

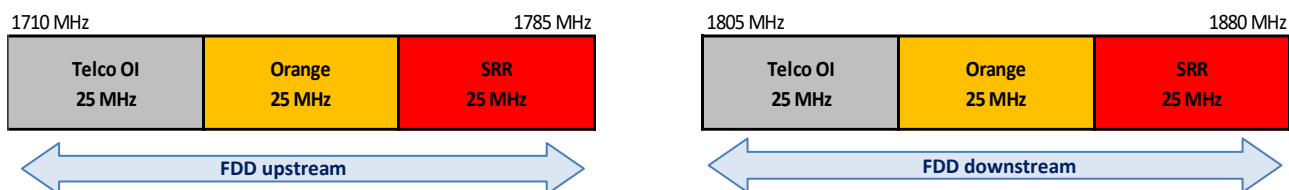
## ANNEX: Frequency assignment arrangements

The firms Orange, SRR and Telco OI will be authorised to use frequencies in the 900 MHz, 1800 MHz, 2.1 GHz and 2.6 GHz bands in Mayotte according to the following arrangements:

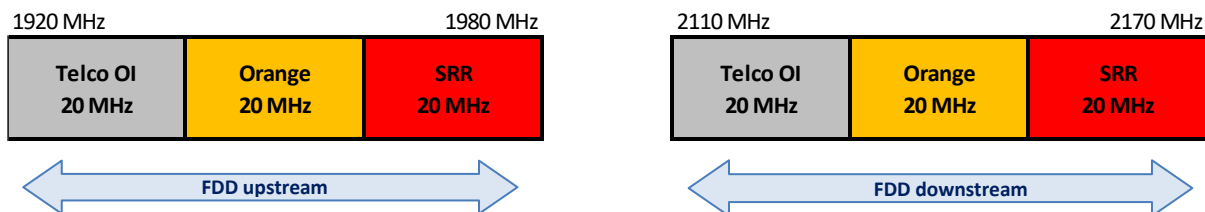
Arrangement for the **900 MHz** band in Mayotte as of 21 February 2025 and up to 30 April 2025



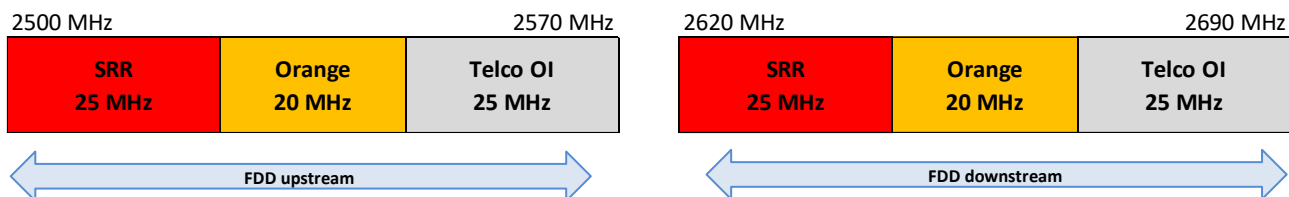
Arrangement for the **1800 MHz** band in Mayotte as of 21 February 2025<sup>1</sup> and up to 30 April 2025



Arrangement for the **2.1 GHz** band in Mayotte as of 21 February 2025<sup>2</sup> and up to 30 April 2025



Arrangement for the **2.6 GHz** band in Mayotte as of 21 February 2025 and up to 20 February 2028



<sup>1</sup> As the new frequencies assigned to the firms Orange and SRR in the 1800 MHz band do not require any rearrangement, they will be available to use as of 6 February 2025.

<sup>2</sup> As the new frequencies assigned to the firms Orange and SRR in the 2.1 GHz band do not require any rearrangement, they will be available to use as of 6 February 2025.

## Associated documents

- [Feedback to the public consultation on the “award of temporary frequency licences to restore and strengthen the capacity of public mobile networks in Mayotte”](#);
- [Arcep Decision No. 2025-0215](#) of February 2025 authorising the firm **Orange** to use frequencies in the 1800 MHz, 2.1 GHz and 2.6 GHz bands in Mayotte to establish and operate a public mobile radio network and amending Arcep Decisions No. 2007-0159 of 15 February 2007 amended and No. 2016-1524 of 22 November 2016 ;
- [Arcep Decision No. 2025-0216](#) of February 2025 authorising the firm **Société Réunionnaise du Radiotéléphone** to use frequencies in the 900 MHz, 1800 MHz, 2.1 GHz and 2.6 GHz bands in Mayotte to establish and operate a public mobile radio network;
- [Arcep Decision No. 2025-0217](#) of February 2025 authorising the firm **Telco OI** to use frequencies in the 1800 MHz, 2.1 GHz and 2.6 GHz bands in Mayotte to establish and operate a public mobile radio network and amending Arcep Decisions No. 2015-0661 of 25 June 2015 amended and No. 2016-1526 of 22 November 2016.

## Arcep at a glance

The Regulatory Authority for Electronic Communications, Postal Affairs and Print Media Distribution (Arcep), a neutral and expert arbitrator with the status of independent administrative authority (IAA), is the architect and guardian of internet, fixed and mobile electronic communications, postal and press distribution networks in France.