

Egypt bans GPS capable mobile phones

As more phones come with built-in GPS capabilities, importing smartphones into Egypt is proving increasingly difficult - thanks to local laws which restrict the use of GPS without a license.

“GPS is allowed in Egypt but you must have a license after getting approval from security authorities,” She Guinena, vice chairman of the National Telecommunication Regulator Agency (NTRA), told the *Daily New Egypt* newspaper.

Anyone importing GPS capable phones - or any device using GPS facilities - faces having not only the unauthorised devices confiscated, but the entire stock belonging to the retailer or wholesaler.

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