

The Netherlands

Exposure guidelines	ICNIRP guidelines.
Planning Authority	Municipality.
Requirements for planning permission	The National Antenna Policy sets tiers of requirements according to size of masts: full building permit (more than 40 m), light building permit (5 to 40m). Installations shorter than 5 m do not need a building permit but requirements are adjusted with a pre-planning meeting with municipalities. For residential buildings, tenants are involved in the building process for antennas below 5 meters. (If 50% of more of the tenants is not in favour, they can stop the building process).
Timescales for Permission	Permissions with light requirements normally take three to five months. Full requirements permissions take 9 - 15 months to be granted.
Appeals process	Appeal processes go through civil courts and this can add up to five months delay.
Public Consultation	The self-regulatory agreement of the industry with the government provides a mandatory consultation with municipalities (at least once a year) and with tenants of residential buildings.
Exemptions & Existing site upgrade	Most upgrades are permit-free – depends on construction and environmental impact.

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