

Info-communications Development Authority of Singapore Bill

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An Act to establish and incorporate the Info-communications Development Authority of Singapore, to provide for its functions and powers, and for matters connected therewith,

to repeal the National Computer Board Act (Chapter 195 of the 1985 Revised Edition) and the Telecommunication Authority of Singapore Act (Chapter 323 of the 1993 Revised Edition) and to make consequential amendments to certain other written laws.

Be it enacted by the President with the advice and consent of the Parliament of Singapore, as follows:

PART I

PRELIMINARY

Short title and commencement

1. This Act may be cited as the Info-communications Development Authority of Singapore Act 1999 and shall come into operation on such date as the Minister may, by notification in the *Gazette*, appoint.

Interpretation

2. In this Act, unless the context otherwise requires —

“appointed day” means the date of commencement of this Act;

“Authority” means the Info-communications Development Authority of Singapore established under section 3;

“broadcasting service” has the same meaning as in the Singapore Broadcasting Authority Act (Cap. 297);

“Chairman” means the Chairman of the Authority and includes any temporary Chairman of the Authority;

“Chief Executive” means the Chief Executive of the Authority appointed under section 10 and includes any temporary Chief Executive;

“computer” means an electronic, magnetic, optical, electro-chemical or other data processing device, or a group of such interconnected or related devices, performing logical arithmetic, or storage functions, and includes any data storage facility or communications facility directly related to or operating in conjunction with such device or group of such interconnected or related devices, but does not include —

(a) an automated typewriter;

(b) a portable hand-held calculator;

(c) a similar device which is non-programmable or which does not

contain any data storage facility; or

(d) such other device as the Minister may, by notification in the *Gazette*, prescribe;

“debenture” includes debenture stock;

“Deputy Chairman” means the Deputy Chairman of the Authority and includes any temporary Deputy Chairman of the Authority;

“information and communications industry” means any person who is carrying on a business or engaged in any commercial activity connected with information and communications technology;

“information and communications services” means any service involving the use of information and communications technology;

“information and communications technology” means any technology employed in collecting, storing, using or sending out information and includes that involving the use of computers or any telecommunication system;

“member” means a member of the Authority;

“NCB” means the National Computer Board established under the National Computer Board Act (Cap. 195);

“securities”, in relation to a company, includes shares, debentures, bonds and other securities of the company, whether or not constituting a charge on the assets of the company;

“shares” includes stock;

“subsidiary” has the same meaning as in the Companies Act (Cap. 50);

“TAS” means the Telecommunication Authority of Singapore reconstituted under the Telecommunication Authority of Singapore Act (Cap. 323);

“telecommunication service” means any service for telecommunications but excludes any broadcasting service;

“telecommunication system” means any system used or intended to be used for telecommunications;

“telecommunications” means a transmission, emission or reception of signs, signals, writing, images, sounds or intelligence of any nature by wire, radio, optical or other electro-magnetic systems whether or not such signs, signals, writing, images, sounds or intelligence have been subjected to rearrangement,