

Telecommunication (Class Licences) Regulations

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TELECOMMUNICATION (CLASS LICENCES) REGULATIONS

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Citation

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Telecommunication (Class Licences) Regulations.

Definitions

2. In these Regulations --

“class licence” means a licence granted by the Authority under section 26 of the Act set out in the First, Second, Third, Fourth or Fifth Schedule;

“licensee” means a person who is deemed to have been granted a class licence;

“operator” means a person who runs any of the specified telecommunication systems and services;

“specified telecommunication systems and services” means telecommunication systems and services specified in the class licences.

Class licences

3.—(1) Where an operator has a licence issued before 1st July 1996 for the operation and provision of any third-party access value-added network service or any audiotex service, that licence shall be revoked as from 1st July 1996 without any refund and he shall be deemed to have been granted a class licence set out in the Second or Third Schedule, as the case may be.

(2) Where an operator has a licence granted by the Authority before 1st June 1997 for the operation and provision of any third-party traffic value-added network service, that licence shall be revoked as from 1st June 1997 without any refund and he shall be deemed to have been granted a class licence set out in the Second Schedule.

(3) Where an operator has a licence granted by the Authority before 1st June 1997 for --

- (a) the resale of the provision of public switched telecommunication services;
- (b) the rental of mobile telephone and paging services; or
- (c) the provision of telecommunication services through shared use or resale of private automatic branch exchange (PABX),

that licence shall be revoked as from 1st June 1997 and he shall be deemed to have been granted a class licence set out in the Fourth Schedule.

(4) In every other case, an operator shall, upon compliance with regulations 4 and 5, be deemed to have been granted such class licence as may be appropriate to the type of specified telecommunication systems and services run by him.

Registration

4.—(1) An operator shall register with the Authority in such form and submit to the Authority such information in writing relating to his particulars and the description and scope of telecommunication systems and services run by him, as the Authority may require.

(2) Paragraph (1) shall not apply to the grant of class licences for bulletin board services where --

- (a) no fee is payable to access the bulletin board system; or
- (b) access to the bulletin board system is restricted to --
 - (i) the officers and employees of the statutory body, company or business which operates it; or
 - (ii) the members, officers and employees of the registered society which operates it.

Fee payable upon registration

5. An operator shall pay such fee, if any as may be required in the class licence appropriate to the type of specified telecommunication systems and services run by him.

FIRST SCHEDULE

Regulation 2

PART I

Bulletin board services are telecommunication systems and services operated in stand-alone dial-up mode which are accessed by users using computers and provide any of the following:

- 1.1 Bulletin board.
- 1.2 Electronic mail, voice mail or facsimile mail.
- 1.3 Forum or group discussion.

- 1.4 Information services.
- 1.5 Database services.
- 1.6 Electronic-chatting services.
- 1.7 Transaction services, such as shopping mall service, reservation service, etc.
- 1.8 Remote computing services.
- 1.9 File transfer services.
- 1.10 On-line games.
- 1.11 Polls and questionnaires.
- 1.12 Community calendar.
- 1.13 Dial-out to other remote bulletin board services for exchange of electronic mail and access to information and databases.

PART II

CONDITIONS

- 1.1 Access to the bulletin board system shall be through the public switched telephone or data systems operated by a public telecommunication licensee.
- 1.2 The bulletin board system shall not be connected to any leased circuit.
- 2. The licensee shall not promote or advertise the bulletin board services except with the prior approval of the Authority.
- 3.1 The licensee shall notify the Authority of any change or inaccuracy in his particulars, the description and scope of telecommunication systems and services run by him and any other information submitted to the Authority for the purpose of the grant of this licence.
- 3.2 The licensee shall submit such information in writing as the Authority may, from time to time, require.
- 4. The licensee shall keep the Authority indemnified against any claim that may arise as a result of any modification of these licence conditions.
- 5. In the event that the licensee decides to terminate his bulletin board services, he shall notify the Authority in writing of his intent.
- 6. The Authority may cancel or suspend this licence if it is satisfied that the licensee is contravening, or has contravened and is likely again to contravene, any of these conditions or the provisions of the Telecommunication Authority of Singapore Act (Chapter 323) or any regulations made thereunder.
- 7.1 The conditions in paragraphs 3.1 and 5 shall not apply where no fee is payable to access the bulletin board system or where access to the bulletin board system is restricted to the members, officers and employees of the registered society which operates it.
- 7.2 The conditions in this Part shall not apply where access to the bulletin board system is restricted to the officers and employees of the statutory body, company or business which operates it.

SECOND SCHEDULE

Regulations 2 and 3

AND-RETRIEVE VALUE-ADDED NETWORK SERVICES

PART I

Store-and-retrieve value-added network services are any of the following services provided by telecommunication systems, built over and above the basic telecommunication systems operated by a public telecommunication licensee and accessed through public telecommunication systems or leased circuits, which allow telecommunication traffic between a user and the value-added network or between users:

- 1.1 On-line information and database retrieval services.
- 1.2 On-line information and data processing services.
- 1.3 Voice information services.
- 1.4 Electronic broking services.
- 1.5 Transaction services, such as on-line shopping, on-line reservation service, etc.
- 1.6 Remote computing services.
- 1.7 On-line games.
- 1.8 Mailbox services including e-mailbox, voice-mailbox, facsimile-mailbox and multimedia mailbox.
- 1.9 Electronic data interchange services.
- 1.10 Store-and-retrieve file transfer services.
- 1.11 Electronic chatting services.
- 1.12 Other multimedia services where the content or format of the telecommunication traffic is changed or processed.

PART II

CONDITIONS

- 1.1 The licensee shall ensure that no store-and-forward telecommunication traffic is carried through the value-added network.
- 1.2 The licensee shall not, except with the prior approval of the Authority and upon payment of the additional fee under paragraph 6.3, provide value-added network services of another value-added network through a leased circuit connecting his value-added network to the other value-added network.
2. The licensee shall not install, operate or provide any of the following basic telecommunication systems and services, or any telecommunication system and service which resemble any of them: