



National Information and Communications Technology Authority

PUBLIC NOTICE

PUBLIC INQUIRY

Service-Specific Pricing Principles - Domestic Mobile and Fixed Terminating Access Services

BACKGROUND

On 1 December 2023 following the advice from the National Information and Communications Technology Authority (NICTA), the Minister for Information Communications and Technology declared the domestic Mobile Terminating Access Service (DMTAS), and the domestic Fixed Terminating Access Service (DFTAS). The Wholesale Service Declaration No. 1 of 2023 was published on the Gazette on 7 December 2023.

DECLARED WHOLESALE SERVICES

The mobile terminating access service:

- is a network service for the carriage of any combination of voice communications and/or short messaging services, from a point of interconnection, or potential point of interconnection, to any B-party connected to the access provider's mobile network; and
- includes such facilities access services as are necessary to enable the access seeker to interconnect its facilities to the facilities of the access provider at points of interconnection to realise any-to-any connectivity; and
- is a designated interconnection service for the purpose of the any-to-any connectivity obligation.

The mobile terminating access service applies to the termination of calls and short messaging services on a mobile network situated in Papua New Guinea where those communications were originated inside Papua New Guinea.

The fixed terminating access service:

- is a network service for the carriage of any combination of voice communications from a point of interconnection, or potential point of interconnection, to any B-party connected to the access provider's fixed network; and
- includes such facilities access services as are necessary to enable the access seeker to interconnect its facilities to the facilities of the access provider at points of interconnection to realise any-to-any connectivity; and
- is a designated interconnection service for the purpose of the any-to-any connectivity obligation.

The fixed terminating access service applies to the termination of calls on a fixed networks situated in Papua New Guinea where those communications were originated inside Papua New Guinea.

PURPOSE

Pursuant to Section 230 of the National Information and Communications Technology Act, 2009 (the "Act"), NICTA is initiating a public inquiry into the service-specific pricing principles for the DMTAS and DFTAS (the "Declared Services") and is issuing the enclosed "Discussion Paper. Public Inquiry into the Service-Specific Pricing Principles for Domestic Mobile and Fixed Terminating Access Services – Methodology and Principles" (the "Discussion Paper").

TERMS OF REFERENCE

In this initial phase into our public inquiry NICTA is not ready to issue a draft service-specific pricing principles for comments. Instead, we are issuing the enclosed Discussion Paper to elicit comments from interested parties on the proposed methodology and principles to be used for setting prices for the Declared Services.

PUBLIC CONSULTATION

The Discussion Paper for the purposes of Section 232 of the Act is available on NICTA's website (www.nicta.gov.pg). NICTA invites interested parties to provide comments and answers to the set of questions posed in this Discussion Paper. Written submissions should be sent by email to consultation.submission@nicta.gov.pg and must be received by 4 p.m. on 5 July 2024.

Enquiries in relation to this matter can be directed to Director Economic Consumer & International Affairs, Mr Polume Lume via email: plume@nicta.gov.pg or contacted on phone number 303 3227.

This notice fulfills the requirements of Section 231 of the .

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