

Telecommunication (Class Licences) Regulations 1996

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TELECOMMUNICATION AUTHORITY OF SINGAPORE ACT (CHAPTER 323)

TELECOMMUNICATION (CLASS LICENCES) REGULATIONS 1996

In exercise of the powers conferred by section 131 of the Telecommunication Authority of Singapore Act, the Telecommunication Authority of Singapore, with the approval of the Minister for Communications, hereby makes the following Regulations:

Citation and commencement

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Telecommunication (Class Licences) Regulations 1996 and shall come into operation on 1st July 1996.

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 or Third Schedule;

“existing licence” means a licence granted by the Authority before 1st July 1996;

“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 an existing licence 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 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, which licence shall expire on the date when his existing licence would otherwise have expired.

(2) 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 access to the bulletin board system is restricted to the officers and employees of the statutory body, company or business which operates it.

Fee payable upon registration

5. An operator shall pay such fee 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

CLASS LICENCE FOR BULLETIN BOARD SERVICES

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. 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

CLASS LICENCE FOR THIRD-PARTY ACCESS VALUE-ADDED NETWORK SERVICES

PART I

Third-party access 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, but not between that user and any other user:

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 with automatic matching of bids.

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. Other services where the content or format of the telecommunication traffic is changed or processed.

PART II

CONDITIONS