



## **News Release**

### **ICT Authority issues Telecommunication Directive to combat the grey market in international long distance traffic**

Port Louis: The Information and Communication Technologies Authority (ICTA) has issued a directive that sets the regulatory framework that make it possible to track fraud on incoming international calls terminating into Mauritius.

Telecommunication Directive 3 of 2010 comes into effect on 1 October and follow the passing of regulations known as the ICT Fraud Tracking Account Charge Regulations 2010; the regulations came into force on September 1<sup>st</sup> and are in line with provisions of sections 18 (1) (b) and 18 (1) (c) of the ICT Act 2001.

The Directive provides for measures to exercise financial and technical control regarding the provision of ILD calls and can be seen as the culmination of a series of consultations since October of last year involving the ICT Authority and operators to find a solution to track fraud on ILD traffic call termination.

The hope is that the fraud tracking mechanism will combat a grey market in international long distance telecommunication traffic. As such the directive is also designed at stabilizing the incoming international call market and satisfy the need of licensed ILD operators to have reassurances to sustain their business case.

Full details of Telecommunication Directive 3 of 2010 can be viewed on the ICT Authority's website - <http://www.icta.mu>

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