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THE TELECOMMUNICATION ORDER (2 of 2006)

In exercise of the powers conferred upon it under the Information & Communication Technologies Act 2001, the Information & Communication Technologies Authority (hereinafter referred to as the **Authority**) hereby issues the following Directive in respect of charges for termination of incoming international calls into Mauritius, pursuant to section 17(3) combined with sections 16(c) and 18(1)(a) of the said Act.

1. Short title, extent and commencement:

- (i) This Directive shall be referred to as “The Telecommunication Order (2 of 2006)”.
- (ii) Telecommunication Order (2 of 2006) shall come into force on 1st February 2006.

2. Termination Charges for Incoming International Calls

- (i) The minimum charges for terminating incoming international calls into Mauritius are prescribed under Schedule-I to this Directive.
- (ii) The minimum charges shall be applicable, without exception, to all calls terminating onto any fixed or mobile telephone in Mauritius.
- (iii) No ILD operator shall terminate or agree to terminate an incoming international call into Mauritius at a rate/charge lower than the amount specified under Schedule-I.

3. Consequential Amendment

Provisions 4(b) and 4(d) of Schedule-I to The Telecommunication Order (11 of 2003) in respect of ILD to mobile, and ILD to fixed line calls, are repealed and replaced by provisions 1(a) and 1(b) under Schedule-II to this Directive.

4. New provisions for IUC

The new IUC applicable in respect of ILD to mobile, and ILD to fixed line, calls are prescribed at 1(a) and 1(b) under Schedule-II to this Directive.

5. Explanatory Memorandum

This Directive contains at Annexure-A, an explanatory memorandum regarding the charges specified herein.

BY ORDER

Dr M. K. Oolun
Executive Director

To:

- i. Cellplus Mobile Communications Limited, 9th Floor, Telecom Tower, Port Louis.
- ii. Emtel Limited, 1, Boundary Road, Rose Hill.
- iii. Mauritius Telecom Limited, 18th Floor, Telecom Tower, Port Louis
- iv. Mahanagar Telephone (Mauritius) Limited, MTML Tower, Port Louis
- v. All ILD / ITSP operators

**Telecommunication Order No.2 of 2006
Schedule-I**

1	Date of Implementation	1 st February 2006
2	Minimum charges for terminating incoming international call in Mauritius	13.3 US cents per minute

**Telecommunication Order No.2 of 2006
Schedule-II**

Revised IUC for incoming international calls

Date of Implementation: 1st February 2006

1	Interconnection Usage Charges			
	Direction of inter-network call	IUC (Rs. Per minute)	Payment	Date of payment into Special Account
(a)	ILD to mobile	Rs.2.75	ILD operator to pay Rs.1.25 to the mobile operator and Rs.1.50 to the ICT Authority to be credited into the Special Account	30 th day of every month as from April 2006
(b)	ILD to fixed	Rs.2.75	ILD operator to pay Rs.1.25 to the fixed line operator and Rs.1.50 to the ICT Authority to be credited into the Special Account	30 th day of every month as from April 2006

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

1. Termination rate is the amount of money that is paid per minute by the foreign ILD operator to its local counterpart in respect of the call termination service that the local operator offers to the foreign operator. As per International Telecommunication Union (ITU) the determination of termination rate has to be cost based to the extent that it is possible.
2. With the coming over of liberalization of the telecommunications sector, combined with the growing competition in the sector as well as the introduction of new technologies, the termination rate has fallen drastically over the years in Mauritius, from Rs7.60 per minute in 2002 to Rs2.00 per minute in 2005.
3. The Government has decided that the minimum charges for termination rate in Mauritius shall be prescribed with a view to, *inter alia*, stabilising the incoming international call market segment, in order to meet the demand of ILD operators for a sustained business case.

Calculation of Minimum Termination Rate

4. ITU-T Recommendation D.140 on 'Accounting Rate Principles for the International Telephone Service' sets the principles to be followed in the determination of termination rates in bilateral relations. The calculation of minimum termination rates in this Order is based on Supplement 3 to the said Recommendation.
5. The minimum termination rates for ILD calls prescribed in this Directive are provisional and shall last until such time as a detailed cost study of the ILD operators is carried out. To avoid repetitive review, the minimum termination rate per minute is proposed in US cents.
6. The Interconnection Usage Charges prescribed in Telecommunication Order No.11 of 2003 in respect of incoming international calls are accordingly repealed and replaced by provisions 1(a) and 1(b) under Schedule II to this Directive.

Payment into Special Account

7. Payment into the Special Account is to be effected within 60 days as from the end of the month to which such payment is related, and shall be made on a monthly basis.
8. The above provisions shall come into effect on 1st February 2006.

9. Special Provisions

The Authority shall publish technical and administrative guidelines determined in collaboration with all the operators, with a view to addressing the likelihood of grey market for illegal termination of calls in Mauritius as a result of an increase in termination charges.