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CONTROL OF SATELLITE PHONES: Promulgation of section 45B of the ICT Act and of the ICT (Licensing and Fees) (Amendment) Regulations 2022

The ICT Authority wishes to inform the public that following the promulgation of section 45B of the Information and Communication Technologies Act ("ICT Act") on 15 July 2022, the Information and Communication Technologies (Licensing and Fees) (Amendment) Regulations 2022 have come into effect on 15 July 2022.

The above amendments provide for the control of the use of mobile earth transceiver terminals such as satellite phones in the Republic of Mauritius. Pursuant to section 45B (4) of the ICT Act, as amended, all persons who do not hold a valid licence with the ICT Authority for the importation, possession and use of the abovementioned terminals will have 30 days as from 15 July 2022 to apply for the relevant licences to the Authority.

Any person who fails to comply with section 45B (4) of the ICT Act, as amended, shall commit an offence and shall, on conviction, be liable to a fine not exceeding one million rupees and to penal servitude for a term not exceeding 20 years.

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