

REPUBLIC OF SINGAPORE

Telecommunications Act Cap. 323

Code of Practice
for Competition in the Provision of Telecommunication Services
(Section 1.6.1)


**NOTIFICATION OF EXEMPTION
BY THE
INFO-COMMUNICATIONS DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
OF SINGAPORE**

1. On 26 November 2004, Singapore Telecommunications Limited ("SingTel") filed its request for exemption from certain provisions of the Code of Practice for Competition in the Provision of Telecommunication Services ("Code") applicable to SingTel's Reference Interconnection Offer ("RIO").
2. Specifically, SingTel requested for exemption from the obligation to offer co-location for Point of Access ("POA") at the Yio Chu Kang Exchange due to its planned closure by September 2005. SingTel also informed IDA that Facilities-based Operators ("FBOs") who wish to serve end-users currently served by the Yio Chu Kang Exchange may continue to do so by leasing SingTel's unbundled local loops from the relevant building MDF rooms or lease mandated wholesale leased circuits from the Ang Mo Kio Exchange.
3. Pursuant to Section 1.6.1 of the Code, IDA may grant a Licensee's request to be exempted from specific provisions of the Code "[w]here good cause is shown". The exemptions may be "on a one-time basis, temporary, permanent, for a fixed period or effective until the occurrence of a specific event".
4. In view that the closure of the Yio Chu Kang Exchange is part of SingTel's ongoing efforts to streamline its network and that there will be no impact on end-users currently served by the exchange, IDA hereby exempts SingTel from the obligation to offer co-location for POA at the Yio Chu Kang Exchange. The exemption will take effect until the date of closure of the Yio Chu Kang Exchange.

Conclusion

5. This Notification is effective immediately.

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