

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 28 April 2003, 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 Bukit Timah Exchange due to its planned closure in November 2004. SingTel also informed that Facilities-based Operators (“FBOs”) who wish to lease SingTel’s unbundled local loops to end-users currently served by the Bukit Timah Exchange may continue to do so at the Bukit Panjang 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. As the closure of the Bukit Timah Exchange will have no impact on FBOs who wish to lease SingTel’s local loops to end-users currently served by the Bukit Timah Exchange, IDA hereby grants SingTel the exemption from the obligation to offer co-location for POA at the Bukit Timah Exchange. The exemption will take effect until the date of closure of the Bukit Timah Exchange.

Conclusion

5. This Notification is effective immediately.

Dated: 20 May 2003

Director-General (Telecoms)

Info-communications Development Authority of Singapore