

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 20 November 2002, 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 Sembawang Exchange due to its planned closure in February 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 Sembawang Exchange may continue to do so at 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. As the closure of the Sembawang Exchange is part of SingTel’s on-going efforts in streamlining their network operations and that there will be no impact to FBOs who wish to lease SingTel’s local loops to end-users currently served by the Sembawang Exchange, IDA hereby grants SingTel the exemption from the obligation to offer co-location for POA at the Sembawang Exchange. The exemption will take effect until the date of closure of the Sembawang Exchange.

Conclusion

5. This Notification is effective immediately.

Dated: 10 January 2003

Director-General (Telecoms)

Info-communications Development Authority of Singapore