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# **Implementation Of Local Access Charge And Modified Delivery Fee Arrangements**

## **Statement of the Telecommunications Authority Hong Kong**

**4 August 1999**

### **Introduction**

1. On 30 December 1998, the Telecommunications Authority (TA) made a determination (“1998 Determination”) under section 36A of the Telecommunication Ordinance on:

(a) the gateway prices which the local network operators have to pay Hong Kong Telecom FTNS<sup>1</sup> (“HKT FTNS”) for delivering the relevant traffic in the outgoing direction over Category B routes; and

(b) the delivery fees which HKT FTNS has to pay the operator of the terminating network for handling the incoming traffic over Category B routes.

2. The 1998 Determination was made public as Annex 1 of the TA Statement entitled “Implementation of Local Access Charge and Modified Delivery Fee Arrangements” issued on 30 December 1998, and a list of the determined gateway prices and delivery fees was attached to the 1998 Determination as Schedules 1 and 2 respectively.

3. In the 1998 Determination, it is stipulated that the TA may from time to time revise the two schedules, taking into account, among other things, changes in the international accounting rates. The revised Schedules will be notified to the relevant licensees and published on the

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Web site of the Office of the Telecommunications Authority (“OFTA”).

4. In view of the fact that the international accounting rates have been changed, consequential revision has to be made to Schedules 1 and 2 of the 1998 Determination. Accordingly, the TA intends to publish the revised Schedules in the form of the determination (“Proposed Determination”) annexed to this TA Statement.

### **Invitation for Representation**

5. Although it has been made clear in the 1998 Determination and is within expectation of the parties that such revision will be made by the TA from time to time, the TA is minded to afford the parties bound by the 1998 Determination an opportunity to make representation pursuant to section 36A(4) of the Telecommunication Ordinance.

6. Any party who wishes to make such representation must submit the written representation to the TA no later than 5 p.m. on 9 August 1999. Unless the TA is convinced by any representation made that he should not make the Proposed Determination, the TA will proceed to make such determination on 10 August 1999.

Office of the Telecommunications Authority  
4 August 1999

## ANNEX

### (PROPOSED DETERMINATION)

#### TELECOMMUNICATION ORDINANCE (CAP. 106)

#### DETERMINATION UNDER SECTION 36A

#### Background

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## **Determination**

### *Existing Routes*

4. Following the worldwide trend of lower accounting rates, Cable & Wireless HKT International Ltd. (formally known as Hong Kong Telecom International Ltd.) has reached agreements with a number of overseas administrations/carriers to lower the accounting rates of certain routes. A list of these routes is at Schedule 1. As both the gateway price and the delivery fee are dependent on the accounting rate, the TA considers it necessary to revise the gateway prices and the delivery fees determined on 30 December 1998 to reflect the changes. The revised gateway prices and delivery fees are given at Schedules 2 and 3 respectively. The revised rates are based on the same formulae adopted in the 1998 Determination for the calculation of gateway prices and delivery fees and the only differences are the outpayment/inpayment rates that are based on the new settlement agreements with overseas administrations/carriers.

5. The revised gateway prices and delivery fees, except the rate for China/North (or areas other than Guangdong), should come into effect on 28 May 1999. For China/North, the effective date is 1 July 1999.

### *A New Route*

6. Cable & Wireless HKT International Ltd. has reached an agreement with China Telecom to extend coverage of the Iridium service to Hong Kong, through the gateway in Beijing. The route is therefore classified as a Category B route. Based on the formulae for the calculation of the gateway price and delivery fee established in the 1998 Determination, the TA has determined the gateway price and delivery fee for Iridium access (Country code 8816 and 8817). The determined

gateway price and delivery fee are given at Schedules 2 and 3 respectively. The effective date is 3 June 1999.

7. This determination will be made public and be posted on OFTA Web site.

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Date: 10 August 1999

## Schedule 1

### **Countries/territories which have lowered the accounting rates with Hong Kong**

Argentina	Thailand
Aruba	Virgin Is (US)
Brazil	Yugoslavia
China (Rest)	Zimbabwe
Columbia	
Costa Rica	
Cyprus	
Czech Rep	
Egypt	
Greece	
Guam	
Iceland	
Indonesia	
Israel	
Madagascar	
Malta	
Mexico	
Malaysia	
Nigeria	
Paraguay	
Peru	
Philippines	
Portugal	
Romania	
Russia – Rostelecom	
Saudi Arabia	
Senegal	
Singapore	
Sri Lanka	
St. Vincent & Grenadines	
Tanzania	

**HKT FTNS Gateway Prices for Category B Routes**

<b>Routes</b>	<b>HKT FTNS Gateway Prices</b>
Albania	HKD 5.15
Algeria	HKD 7.64
American Samoa	HKD 7.64
Andorra	HKD 1.31
Angola	HKD 5.15
Anguilla	HKD 10.24
Antarctica	HKD 9.20
Antigua & Barbuda	HKD 10.24
Argentina	HKD 3.13
Armenia	HKD 11.69
Aruba	HKD 7.35
Ascension	HKD 7.64
Azerbaijan	HKD 8.68
Bahamas	HKD 8.89
Bahrain	HKD 3.39
Bangladesh	HKD 7.17
Barbados	HKD 7.64
Belarus	HKD 7.64
Belize	HKD 8.63
Benin	HKD 10.76
Bermuda	HKD 3.39
Bhutan	HKD 7.64
Bolivia	HKD 9.24
Bosnia & Herzegovina	HKD 7.64
Botswana	HKD 5.15
Brazil	HKD 1.83
Brunei Darussalam	HKD 3.39
Bulgaria	HKD 7.64
Burkina Faso	HKD 10.93
Burundi	HKD 5.15
Cambodia	HKD 5.67
Cameroon	HKD 12.63
Cape Verde Is	HKD 7.64
Cayman Is	HKD 7.64
Central African Rep	HKD 10.66
Chad	HKD 11.59
Chile	HKD 6.50
China (Shenzhen & Shekou)	HKD 1.46
China (Guangdong)	HKD 2.68
China (Rest)	HKD 3.18
Colombia	HKD 7.13
Comoros Is	HKD 7.64
Congo Rep	HKD 12.63
Cook Is	HKD 9.98
Costa Rica	HKD 5.15
Cote D'Ivoire Rep	HKD 10.93
Croatia	HKD 7.64
Cuba	HKD 9.72
Cyprus	HKD 2.35
Czech Rep	HKD 2.35
Diego Garcia	HKD 12.15

**Schedule 2**

<b>Routes</b>	<b>HKT FTNS Gateway Prices</b>
Djibouti	HKD 12.63
Dominica	HKD 8.68
Dominican Rep	HKD 9.91
Ecuador	HKD 12.84
Egypt	HKD 6.19
El Salvador	HKD 12.84
Equatorial Guinea	HKD 7.64
Eritrea	HKD 10.92
Estonia	HKD 9.20
Ethiopia	HKD 14.33
Falkland Is	HKD 7.64
Faroes Is	HKD 5.83
Fiji	HKD 8.89
French Polynesia	HKD 8.06
Gabon	HKD 9.72
Gambia	HKD 7.64
Georgia	HKD 8.68
Ghana	HKD 7.64
Gibraltar	HKD 9.20
Greece	HKD 1.31
Greenland	HKD 5.83
Grenada	HKD 8.68
Guam	HKD 1.31
Guatemala	HKD 15.14
Guinea Bissau	HKD 15.33
Guinea Rep	HKD 8.68
Guyana	HKD 11.07
Haiti	HKD 10.18
Honduras	HKD 7.39
Hungary	HKD 1.83
Iceland	HKD 2.45
India	HKD 5.88
Indonesia	HKD 3.49
Iran	HKD 7.54
Iraq	HKD 12.63
Iridium Country Code 8816	HKD 16.05
Iridium Country Code 8817	HKD 22.48
Israel	HKD 1.41
Jamaica	HKD 9.72
Jordan	HKD 5.46
Kazakhstan	HKD 7.64
Kenya	HKD 5.46
Kiribati	HKD 12.63
Korea DPR (standard)	HKD 5.67
Korea DPR (off-Peak)	HKD 4.47
Kuwait	HKD 8.68
Kyrgyzstan	HKD 10.24
Lao	HKD 6.19
Latvia	HKD 2.45
Lebanon	HKD 16.02
Lesotho	HKD 7.64
Liberia	HKD 6.61
Libya	HKD 12.63
Lithuania	HKD 8.84

**Schedule 2**

<b>Routes</b>	<b>HKT FTNS Gateway Prices</b>
Macau (standard)	HKD 1.47
Macau (off-Peak)	HKD 1.46
Macedonia	HKD 2.35
Madagascar	HKD 8.68
Malawi	HKD 7.64
Malaysia	HKD 2.61
Maldives	HKD 1.83
Mali	HKD 12.63
Malta	HKD 3.44
Mariana Is	HKD 1.36
Marshall Is	HKD 12.81
Mauritania	HKD 12.63
Mauritius	HKD 5.46
Mexico	HKD 2.76
Micronesia	HKD 8.36
Moldova	HKD 10.24
Monaco	HKD 5.15
Mongolia Pr	HKD 5.36
Montserrat	HKD 10.24
Morocco	HKD 7.54
Mozambique	HKD 7.64
Myanmar	HKD 5.67
Nakhodka	HKD 3.39
Namibia	HKD 7.13
Nauru	HKD 7.64
Nepal	HKD 5.36
Netherlands Antilles	HKD 7.59
New Caledonia	HKD 11.80
Nicaragua	HKD 11.07
Niger	HKD 9.20
Nigeria	HKD 5.46
Niue Is	HKD 9.24
Norfolk Is	HKD 8.68
Oman	HKD 7.64
Pakistan	HKD 8.06
Palau	HKD 10.29
Panama	HKD 4.42
Papua New Guinea	HKD 4.42
Paraguay	HKD 5.46
Peru	HKD 2.87
Philippines	HKD 2.59
Poland	HKD 2.97
Portugal	HKD 2.35
Qatar	HKD 4.42
Romania	HKD 7.64
Russia - Astelit	HKD 12.63
Russia - BCL	HKD 9.76
Russia - Combellga	HKD 7.64
Russia - Comstar	HKD 12.63
Russia - DALTelecom	HKD 12.63
Russia - Rostelecom	HKD 5.46
Russia - Tatarstan	HKD 12.63
Russia - VostokTelecom	HKD 12.63
Rwanda Rep	HKD 12.63

<b>Routes</b>	<b>HKT FTNS Gateway Prices</b>
Sakhalin	HKD 3.39
Sao Tome & Principe	HKD 12.84
Saudi Arabia	HKD 5.46
Senegal	HKD 7.64
Seychelles	HKD 3.65
Sierra Leone	HKD 9.93
Singapore	HKD 1.41
Slovak Rep	HKD 6.09
Slovenia	HKD 7.64
Solomon Is	HKD 4.42
Somali Rep	HKD 17.72
South Africa	HKD 2.35
Sri Lanka	HKD 4.68
St Helena	HKD 7.64
St Kitts & Nevis	HKD 10.24
St Lucia	HKD 9.20
St Vincent & Grenadines	HKD 7.64
Sudan	HKD 7.64
Suriname	HKD 15.14
Swaziland	HKD 7.64
Syria	HKD 9.20
Taiwan	HKD 1.57
Tajikistan	HKD 10.76
Tanzania	HKD 6.61
Thailand	HKD 2.87
Togolese Rep	HKD 10.93
Tonga	HKD 4.68
Trinidad & Tobago	HKD 11.07
Tunisia	HKD 17.72
Turkey	HKD 8.58
Turkmenistan	HKD 10.76
Turks & Caicos	HKD 8.68
Tuvalu Is	HKD 12.84
U.A.E.	HKD 2.87
Uganda	HKD 2.24
Ukraine	HKD 4.01
Uruguay	HKD 6.61
Uzbekistan	HKD 6.09
Vanuatu	HKD 5.46
Venezuela	HKD 8.74
Vietnam	HKD 5.67
Virgin Is (British)	HKD 10.24
Virgin Is (US)	HKD 0.79
Wallis and Futuna	HKD 12.84
Western Samoa	HKD 10.93
Yemen Rep	HKD 7.02
Yugoslavia	HKD 2.87
Zambia	HKD 5.57
Zimbabwe	HKD 3.39

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**Delivery Fees for Category B Routes**

<b>Routes</b>	<b>Delivery Fees</b>
Albania	HKD 0.20
Algeria	HKD 1.45
American Samoa	HKD 1.45
Andorra	HKD 0.20
Angola	HKD 0.20
Anguilla	HKD 2.75
Antarctica	HKD 2.23
Antigua	HKD 2.75
Argentina	HKD 1.37
Armenia	HKD 3.38
Aruba	HKD 1.21
Ascension Is	HKD 1.45
Azerbaijan	HKD 1.97
Bahamas	HKD 2.07
Bahrain	HKD 1.50
Bangladesh	HKD 3.39
Barbados	HKD 1.45
Belarus	HKD 1.45
Belize	HKD 1.85
Benin	HKD 3.01
Bermuda	HKD 1.50
Bhutan	HKD 1.45
Bolivia	HKD 2.25
Bosnia & Herzegovina	HKD 1.45
Botswana	HKD 0.20
Brazil	HKD 0.72
Brunei	HKD 1.50
Bulgaria	HKD 1.45
Burkina Faso	HKD 3.10
Burundi	HKD 0.20
Cambodia	HKD 2.63
Cameroon	HKD 3.94
Cape Verde Is	HKD 1.45
Cayman Is	HKD 1.45
Central African Rep	HKD 2.96
Chad	HKD 3.42
Chile	HKD 1.50
China (Guangdong)	HKD 0.55
China (Rest)	HKD 0.67
China (Shenzhen & Shekou)	HKD 0.54
Colombia	HKD 1.19
Comoros	HKD 1.45
Congo	HKD 3.94
Cook Is	HKD 2.62
Costa Rica	HKD 0.20
Cote D'Ivoire Rep	HKD 3.10
Croatia	HKD 1.45
Cuba	HKD 2.49
Cyprus	HKD 0.98
Czech Rep	HKD 0.98
Diego Garcia	HKD 3.61

**Schedule 3**

<b>Routes</b>	<b>Delivery Fees</b>
Djibouti	HKD 3.94
Dominica	HKD 1.97
Dominican Rep	HKD 2.49
Ecuador	HKD 4.05
Egypt	HKD 2.90
El Salvador	HKD 4.05
Equatorial Guinea	HKD 1.45
Eritrea	HKD 3.09
Estonia	HKD 2.23
Ethiopia	HKD 4.79
Falkland Is	HKD 1.45
Faroes Is	HKD 0.54
Fiji	HKD 4.25
French Polynesia	HKD 3.84
Gabon	HKD 2.49
Gambia	HKD 1.45
Georgia	HKD 1.97
Ghana	HKD 1.45
Gibraltar	HKD 2.23
Greece	HKD 0.46
Greenland	HKD 0.54
Grenada	HKD 1.97
Guam	HKD 0.46
Guatemala	HKD 5.10
Guinea Bissau	HKD 5.29
Guinea Rep	HKD 1.97
Guyana	HKD 3.16
Haiti	HKD 2.62
Honduras	HKD 1.23
Hungary	HKD 0.72
Iceland	HKD 0.72
India	HKD 2.75
Indonesia	HKD 1.55
Iran	HKD 3.58
Iraq	HKD 3.94
Iridium Country Code 8816	HKD 0.98
Iridium Country Code 8817	HKD 0.98
Israel	HKD 0.52
Jamaica	HKD 2.49
Jordan	HKD 2.54
Kazakhstan	HKD 1.45
Kenya	HKD 2.54
Kiribati	HKD 3.94
Korea DPR (standard)	HKD 2.63
Korea DPR (off-peak)	HKD 2.03
Kuwait	HKD 1.97
Kyrgyzstan	HKD 2.75
Lao	HKD 2.90
Latvia	HKD 0.57
Lebanon	HKD 5.64
Lesotho	HKD 1.45
Liberia	HKD 0.93
Libya	HKD 3.94
Lithuania	HKD 2.05

**Schedule 3**

<b>Routes</b>	<b>Delivery Fees</b>
Macau (standard)	HKD 0.53
Macau (off-Peak)	HKD 0.53
Macedonia	HKD 0.72
Madagascar	HKD 1.97
Malawi	HKD 1.45
Malaysia	HKD 1.11
Maldives	HKD 0.72
Mali	HKD 3.94
Malta	HKD 0.72
Mariana Is	HKD 0.49
Marshall Is	HKD 3.94
Mauritania	HKD 3.94
Mauritius	HKD 2.54
Mexico	HKD 1.19
Micronesia	HKD 1.71
Moldova	HKD 2.75
Monaco	HKD 0.20
Mongolia	HKD 2.49
Montserrat	HKD 2.75
Morocco	HKD 1.40
Mozambique	HKD 1.45
Myanmar	HKD 2.63
Nakhodka	HKD 1.50
Namibia	HKD 1.19
Nauru	HKD 1.45
Nepal	HKD 2.49
Netherlands Antilles	HKD 1.42
New Caledonia	HKD 3.53
Nicaragua	HKD 3.16
Niger	HKD 2.23
Nigeria	HKD 2.54
Niue Is	HKD 2.25
Norfolk Is	HKD 1.97
Oman	HKD 1.45
Pakistan	HKD 3.84
Palau	HKD 2.68
Panama	HKD 2.02
Papua New Guinea	HKD 2.02
Paraguay	HKD 2.54
Peru	HKD 1.24
Philippines	HKD 1.11
Poland	HKD 1.29
Portugal	HKD 0.98
Qatar	HKD 2.02
Romania	HKD 1.45
Russia - Astelit	HKD 3.94
Russia - BCL	HKD 2.51
Russia - Combellga	HKD 1.45
Russia - Comstar	HKD 3.94
Russia - DALTelecom	HKD 3.94
Russia - Rostelecom	HKD 2.54
Russia - Tatarstan	HKD 3.94
Russia - VostokTelecom	HKD 3.94
Rwanda	HKD 3.94

**Schedule 3**

<b>Routes</b>	<b>Delivery Fees</b>
Sakhalin	HKD 1.50
Sao Tome & Principe	HKD 4.05
Saudi Arabia	HKD 2.54
Senegal	HKD 1.45
Seychelles	HKD 1.63
Sierra Leone	HKD 2.59
Singapore	HKD 0.52
Slovak Rep	HKD 0.67
Slovenia	HKD 1.45
Solomon Is	HKD 2.02
Somali Rep	HKD 6.49
South Africa	HKD 0.98
Sri Lanka	HKD 2.15
St Helena	HKD 1.45
St Kitts & Nevis	HKD 2.75
St Lucia	HKD 2.23
St Vincent & Grenadines	HKD 1.45
Sudan	HKD 1.45
Suriname	HKD 5.10
Swaziland	HKD 1.45
Syria	HKD 2.23
Taiwan	HKD 0.59
Tajikistan	HKD 3.01
Tanzania	HKD 0.93
Thailand	HKD 1.24
Togolese Rep	HKD 3.10
Tonga	HKD 2.15
Trinidad & Tobago	HKD 3.16
Tunisia	HKD 6.49
Turkey	HKD 4.10
Turkmenistan	HKD 3.01
Turks & Caicos	HKD 1.97
Tuvalu	HKD 4.05
U.A.E.	HKD 1.24
Uganda	HKD 0.67
Ukraine	HKD 1.50
Uruguay	HKD 0.93
Uzbekistan	HKD 0.67
Vanuatu	HKD 2.54
Venezuela	HKD 4.18
Vietnam	HKD 2.63
Virgin Is (British)	HKD 2.75
Virgin Is (US)	HKD 0.20
Wallis and Futuna	HKD 4.05
Western Samoa	HKD 3.10
Yemen Rep	HKD 3.32
Yugoslavia	HKD 1.24
Zambia	HKD 0.41
Zimbabwe	HKD 1.50

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