ASEAN - HONG KONG, CHINA FREE TRADE AGREEMENT

Specific Commitments¹ of ASEAN Member States (AMS) on <u>Telecommunications Services</u>

AMS	9	Sector or Sub-sector	Li	mitations o	n Ma	arket Access	Lin	nitations on National Treatment	Additional Commitments
Brunei	1.	Local service	1)	Subject	to	commercial	1)	Unbound	The period of exclusivity for
Darussalam				arrangem	ents	with licensed			local public switched voice
	(a)	Public switched voice		operator(s).				telephone services will be
		telephone services	2)	Unbound			2)	Unbound	extended for up to 10 years
			3)	Subject	to li	icence by the	3)	None except as indicated in the	after privatisation of JTB. The
				appropria	te	regulatory		horizontal section.	government will conduct a
				authority		and Brunei			review of policy with respect
				Darussala	m C	companies' Act.			to whether to permit
				Local pu	blic	switched voice			additional suppliers of such
				telephon	9	services are			services upon the expiry of
				provided	excl	usively by JTB			this period.
				which	s a	a government			
				departme	nt.				The period of exclusivity for

¹ As extracted from the Schedules of Specific Commitments of ASEAN Member States. The full schedules can be found in Trade and Industry Department's website at http://www.tid.gov.hk/english/ita/hkasean/text agreement.html.

² See explanatory note at Annex.

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			4)	Unbound except a	as indicated	4)	None except as indicated in the	the two oper	rators expire	es in
				in the horizontal se	ection.		horizontal section.	year 2010. T	he governm	nent
								will conduct	t a review	of of
								policy with	respect	to
								whether to p	ermit addition	onal
								suppliers of	such serv	vices
								upon the	expiry of	this
								period.		
								Issuance of	a licence	to
								provide p	ublic cell	lular
								mobile tele	phone serv	vices
								employing of	ther than Al	MPS
								and GSM tecl	hnologies wi	ill be
								considered	by	the
								government	in year 201	10 if
								public interes	st and econd	omic
								conditions	justify	the
								issuance of s	uch licence.	
	2.	International service	1)	Subject to	commercial	1)	Unbound			
				arrangements wit	th licensed					
	(a)	Public switched voice		operator(s).						
		telephone services	2)	Unbound		2)	Unbound			

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			3)	Subject to licence by the	3)	None except as indicated in the	
				appropriate regulatory		horizontal section.	
				authority and Brunei			
				Darussalam Companies' Act.			
				International public switched			
				voice telephone services are			
				exclusively provided by JTB			
				(government department)			
				and DSTCom (private			
				company).			
			4)	Unbound except as indicated	4)	Unbound except as indicated in	
				in the horizontal section.		the horizontal section.	
	3.	Mobile services	1)	Subject to commercial	1)	Unbound	
				arrangements with licensed			
	(a)	Public cellular mobile		operator(s).			
		telephone service	2)	Unbound	2)	Unbound	
			3)	Subject to licence by the	3)	None except as indicated in the	
				appropriate regulatory		horizontal section.	
				authority and Brunei			
				Darussalam Companies' Act.			
				International public switched			
				voice telephone services are			
				exclusively provided by JTB			

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				(government department)			
				and DSTCom (private			
				company).			
			4)	Unbound except as indicated	4)	Unbound except as indicated in	
				in the horizontal section.		the horizontal section.	
	(c)	Circuit-switched data	1)	None except service provider	1)	None	
		transmission services		must use Public Telecom			
		(CPC 7523**)		Network under Government			
				National Telecom Authority			
				Control.			
			2)	None	2)	None	
			3)	Unbound	3)	Unbound	
			4)	Unbound except as indicated	4)	Unbound except as indicated in	
				in the horizontal section.		the horizontal section.	
	(d)	Telex services	1)	None	1)	None	The period of exclusivity for
		(CPC 7523**)	2)	None	2)	None	these services will be
			3)	Subject to license by the	3)	None, except as indicated in the	extended for up to one year
	(e)	Telegraph services		appropriate regulatory		horizontal section.	2016. The government will
		(CPC 7522**)		authority and Brunei			conduct a review of policy
				Darussalam Companies' Act			with respect to whether to
				These services are being			permit additional suppliers
				provided exclusively by TelBru			of such services upon the
				Sdn Bhd.			expiry of the period.

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			4)	Unbound except as indicated	4)	Unbound except as indicated in	
				in the horizontal section.		the horizontal section.	
	(f)	Facsimile services	1)	None except service provider	1)	None	
		(CPC 7521** + CPC		must use Public Telecom			
		7529**)		Network under Government			
				National Telecom Authority			
				Control.			
			2)	None	2)	None	
			3)	Unbound	3)	Unbound	
			4)	Unbound except as indicated	4)	Unbound except as indicated in	
				in the horizontal section.		the horizontal section.	
	(h)	Electronic mail	1)	None except service provider	1)	None	
		(CPC 7523**)		must use Public Telecom			
				Network under Government			
				National Telecom Authority			
				Control.			
			2)	None	2)	None	
			3)	Unbound	3)	Unbound	
			4)	Unbound except as indicated	4)	Unbound except as indicated in	
				in the horizontal section.		the horizontal section.	
	(j)	On-line information	1)	None except service provider	1)	None	
		and database retrieval		must use Public Telecom			
		(CPC 7523**)		Network under Government			

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				National Telecom Authority			
				Control.			
			2)	None	2)	None	
			3)	Unbound	3)	Unbound	
			4)	Unbound except as indicated	4)	Unbound except as indicated in	
				in the horizontal section.		the horizontal section.	
	(k)	Electronic data	1)	None except service provider	1)	None	
		interchange (EDI)		must use Public Telecom			
		(CPC 7523**)		Network under Government			
				National Telecom Authority			
				Control.			
			2)	None	2)	None	
			3)	Unbound	3)	Unbound	
			4)	Unbound except as indicated	4)	Unbound except as indicated in	
				in the horizontal section.		the horizontal section.	
	(1)	Enhanced/value-	1)	None except service provider	1)	None	
		added facsimile		must use Public Telecom			
		services, including		Network under Government			
		store and forward and		National Telecom Authority			
		retrieve		Control.			
		(CPC 7523**)	2)	None	2)	None	
			3)	Unbound	3)	Unbound	
			4)	Unbound except as indicated	4)	Unbound except as indicated in	

AMS	Sector or Sub-sector	Li	Limitations on Market Access		nitations on National Treatment	Additional Commitments
			in the horizontal section.		the horizontal section.	
	(m) Voice mail services	1)	None except service providers	1)	Unbound	
	(CPC 7523**)		must use Public Telecom Network under Government			
			National Authority.			
		2)	Unbound	2)	Unbound	
		3)	Subject to license by the	3)	None except as indicated in the	
			appropriate regulatory		horizontal section.	
			authority and Brunei			
			Darussalam's Companies' Act.			
		4)	Unbound except as indicated	4)	Unbound except as indicated in	
			in the horizontal section.		the horizontal section.	

AMS	S	ector or Sub-sector	Li	mitations on Market Access	Lir	nitations on National Treatment	Additional Commitments
Cambodia				rith "Notes for Scheduling Basic Te (S/GBT/W/3) of the WTO.	lecom	Services Commitments" (S/GBT/W,	/2/Rev.1) and Market Access
	(a)	Voice telephone services	1)	None	1)	None	Cambodia undertakes obligations contained in the
		(CPC 7521)	2)	None	2)	None	Reference Paper attached.
	(b)	Packet-switched data transmission services (CPC 7523**)	3)	None, except subject to requirement for local share holding of up to 49%	3)	None	
	(c)	Circuit-switched data transmission services (CPC 7523**)	4)	Unbound, except as indicated in the horizontal section	4)	Unbound, except as indicated in the horizontal section	
	(d)	Telex services (CPC 7523**)					
	(e)	Telegraph services (CPC 7522)					
	(f)	Facsimile services (CPC 7521**+ 7529**)					

AMS	Sector or Sub-sector	Limitations on Market Access	Limitations on National Treatment	Additional Commitments
	(g) Private leased circu services (CPC 7522**+7523**			
	(h) E-mail (CPC 7523**)	1) None 2) None 3) None	1) None 2) None 3) None	
	(i) Voice-mail (CPC 7523**)	4) Unbound, except as indicated in the horizontal section	4) Unbound, except as indicated in the horizontal section	
	(j) On-line information and data base retrieval (CPC 7523**)			
	(k) Electronic Dat Interchange (CPC 7523**)	A		
	(I) Enhanced/value added facsimil services, incl. stor and forward, stor and retrieve (CPC 7523**)			

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AMS	Sector or Sub-sector	Li	mitations on Market Access	Lin	nitations on National Treatment	Additional Commitments
	(m) Code and protocol conversion					
	(n) (n) On-line information and/or data processing (including transaction processing) (CPC 843**)					
	(o) Other services: - Mobile services	1) 2) 3)	None None None	1) 2) 3)	None None None	Cambodia commits to permit licensed suppliers of mobile telecommunications services
		4)	Unbound, except as indicated in the horizontal section	4)	Unbound, except as indicated in the horizontal section	choice of technology used in the supply of such services.

Modes of supply: 1) Cross-border supply 2) Consumption abroad 3) Commercial presence 4) Presence of natural persons

AMS Sector or Sub-sector Limitations on Market Access Limitations on National Treatment

Not applicable

Not applicable

Indonesia

No commitment

AMS	Sector or Sub-sector	Limitations on Market Access	Limitations on National Treatment					
Laos PDR	Commitments are taken consistent with "Note:	for Scheduling Basic Telecom Services Commitments" (S/GBT/W/2/Rev.1) and "Market Access						
	Limitations on Spectrum Availability" (S/GBT/W	3) of the WTO.						
	The following services (a-o) can be supplied	1) Wire-based services, Terrestrial-based	1) Wire-based services, Terrestrial-based					
	only on a facilities basis, and for public use	mobile services and Satellite-based	mobile services and Satellite- based					
	services:	services: Service must be offered	services: Service must be offered					
		through commercial arrangements	through commercial arrangements					
	Basic telecommunication services	with an entity established in Lao PDR	with an entity established in Lao PDR					
		and licensed to provide international	and licensed to provide international					
	(a) Voice telephone services	telecommunication services.	telecommunication services.					
	(CPC 7521)							
		2) None.	2) None.					
	(b) Packet-switched data transmission							
	services	3) Only through acquisition of existing	3) None.					
	(CPC 7523**)	operators and foreign equity						
		participation limited to 49%. After 2 nd						
	(c) Circuit-switched data transmission	February 2018, Commercial presence						
	services	for new Investments will be allowed						
	(CPC 7523**)	with foreign equity participation limited to 60%.						
	(d) Telex services							
	(CPC 7523**)	4) Unbound, except as indicated in the horizontal section.	4) Unbound, except as indicated in the horizontal section.					
	(e) Telegraph services							

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		(CPC 7522)				
	(f)	Facsimile services				
		(CPC 7521**+ 7529**)				
	(g)	Private leased circuit services (CPC 7522**+7523**)				
		(CFC / 322 + / 323)				
	(o)	Other:				
		- Terrestrial-based mobile phone				
		services				
	Valu	ue-added telecommunication services	1)	None.	1)	None.
	(h)	Electronic-mail	2)	None.	2)	None.
		(CPC 7523**)				
			3)	None.	3)	None.
	(i)	Voice mail				
		(CPC 7523**)	4)	Unbound, except as indicated in the	4)	Unbound, except as indicated in the
				horizontal section.		horizontal section.
	(j)	Online information and data base				
		retrieval				
		(CPC 7523**)				

AMS	Sector or Sub-sector	Limitations on Market Access	Limitations on National Treatment
	(k) Electronic data interchange (EDI) (CPC 7523**)		
	(I) Enhanced/value-added facsimile services, including store and forward, store and retrieve (CPC 7523**)		
	(m) Code and protocol conversion		
	(n) On-line information and/or data processing (including transaction processing)(CPC 843**)		

The (**) indicates that the service specified constitutes only a part of the total range of activities covered by the CPC concordance (e.g. voice mail is only a component of CPC item 7523).

AMS	Sector or Sub-sector	Limitations on Market Access	Limitations on National Treatment	Additional Commitments
Malaysia	Basic Telecommunication	1) None	1) None	Pro-competition regulatory principle in respect of
	Based on domestic regulations, Malaysia has	2) None	2) None	interconnection (Refer to Annex I)
	reclassified its communications services sector on the basis of provision of Network Service Provider (NSP), provision of Application Service Provider (ASP) Basic local, inter- exchange and international services; supplied over public telecommunications transport networks using any network technology, facilities regardless of	3) With respect to Network Facilities Provider (NFP) and NSP components of the service, only through an acquisition of shares of existing licensed NFP(I), NSP(I). With respect to ASP(I), through a locally incorporated joint-venture corporation with Malaysian individuals or Malaysian-controlled Corporations; or	3) None	Aimex iy
	whether the means of delivery services are wired or wireless are mapped into the aforementioned	through acquisition of shares of an existing licensed ASP(I) operator/corporations.		

Wiodes of supply	7. 1) Closs-bolder suppl	y 2) Consumption abroad 3)	Confinercial presence 4) Presence	i or natural persons
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	three categories.	For NFP(I) and NSP(I)		
		foreign shareholding of		
	Individual license	up to 30 per cent in		
		these services providers		
	1. NFP(I) ¹	is allowed		
	2. NSP(I) ² 3. ASP(I) ³ Explanatory Note for Individual Licence Categories 1 Network facilities provider (NFP) individual licence enables the provision of network facilities services such as earth stations, fixed links and cables public payphone	 For ASP(I), foreign shareholding of up to 49 per cent in these services providers is allowed. [The management control of such companies shall be in the case of Telekom 		
	facilities, radio communications transmitters and links, satellite hubs and towers, duct and pits used in conjunction with other	Malaysia, the foreign shareholding permitted shall not exceed 30 per		
	network facilities. ² Network service provider (NSP)	cent with not one single		
	individual licence enables the provision of network services	country holding more than		
	such as bandwidth services,	5 per cent of the equity at		
	broadcasting transmission services, cellular mobile services, customer access	any one time.]		

AMS	Sector or Sub-sector	Limitations on Market Access	Limitations on National Treatment Additional Commitments
	services and mobile satellite services. ³ Application Service Provider (ASP) individual licence enables the provision of applications services such as PSTN telephony, public cellular telephone telephony services, IP telephony, public payphone service and public switched data service.	4) Unbound, except as indicated in the horizontal section.	4) Unbound, except for the categories of natural persons referred to under market access.
	Value-Added Services	1) None	1) None
	Telecommunication services of which	2) None	2) None
	enhanced value-added services must be provided	 With respect to NFP and NSP components of the service, 	3) None
	from channels or lines obtained only from	only through an acquisition of shares of existing licensed	
	licensed NFP(I) and NSP(I) operators and are also	NFP(C), NSP(C).	
	mapped into the three categories below:	With respect to ASP, through a locally incorporated joint-	
	Class License	venture corporation with Malaysian individuals or	
	1. NFP(c) ⁴	Malaysian- controlled Corporations; or through	

Additional Commitments

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	services such as public mobile			
	radio work services, one or two			
	way radio paging network			
	services, radio			
	communications transmitters			
	for public radio paging network			
	services, radio			
	communications transmitters			
	and links for public wireless			
	data network services, for sole			
	purpose of end users in			
	buildings or a single clustered			
	building complex.			
	⁶ ASP class license enables the			
	provision of application			
	services such as audio text			
	hosting services provided on			
	an opt-in basis, directory			
	services, messaging services.			

Modes of supply:	: 1) Cross-border supp	oly 2) Consumption abroad	3) Commercial presence 4) Presence	e of natural persons
AMS	Sector or Sub-sector	Limitations on Market Access	Limitations on National Treatment	Additional Commitments
	Explanatory Note			
	1) This sector is governed by t	he Communications and Multimedia A	Act 1998 and it subsidiary rules and regulation	is.
	2) Definitions as per Communi	ications and Multimedia Act 1998		
	a. Network facilities	mean any element or combination of	elements of physical infrastructure used princ	cipally for, or in connection
	with, the provisior	n of network services, but does not inc	lude customer equipment.	
	Network facilities	provider means a person who is an ov	vner of any network facilities.	
	b. Network services r	means a service for carrying communi	cations by means of guided and/unguided ele	ectromagnetic radiation.
	Network service p	rovider means a person who provides	network services.	
		e means a service provided by means on ans a person who provide an applicat	of, but not solely by means of, one or more no	etwork services. Application

a. Network facilities provider class licensee means a person who is registered with the Commission to provide a network facility in

Network facilities provider individual licensee means an individual licence granted to a network facilities provider in accordance with

3) Definitions as per Communications and Multimedia (Licensing) (Amendment) Regulations 2001

accordance with the provisions of the Act and these Regulations.

the provisions of the Act and these Regulations.

Modes of supply:	1) Cross-border supply	y 2) Consumption abroad 3)	Commercial presence 4) Pre	sence of natural persons		
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 Network service provider class licensee means a person who is registered with the Commission to provide a network service accordance with the provisions of the Act and these Regulations. 						
	•	ovider individual licensee means an inc e Act and these Regulations.	ividual licence granted to a network se	rvice provider in accordance with		
	• •	provider class licensee means a persor the provisions of the Act and these Re	who is registered with the Commissio gulations.	n to provide an application service		
		provider individual licensee means an of the Act and these Regulations	individual licence granted to an applica	tions service provider in accordance		

MALAYSIA - SCHEDULE OF SPECIFIC COMMITMENTS

ANNEX I

1. Competition Safeguards The regulatory body must take measures to: Maintain fair competition among network operators; Safeguards the interest of consumers; Ensure that network operators contribute to Universal Service Obligation particularly the extension of services into rural and other undeserved areas as stipulated in the licences; 3. Public availability of licensing criteria To advise other network operators on the licensed status of each network operator including terms and conditions pertaining to the operator's licence which govern the right of the licensee to interconnect withoperators; 4. Independent regulator To exercise its functions with respect to the conduct of telecommunications operators and the running of telecommunications services in Malaysia as provided for under Section 3B of the Telecommunications Act; To ensure that the following principles pertaining to interconnection arrangements are adhered to: Interconnection and access between network operators shall be on an equitable and non-discriminatory basis; Charges for interconnection facilities and services provided by network operators shall be fair and equitable; The technical qualities of interconnect facilities and services provided by network operators shall be of no less quality than that provided by them within their ownnetworks; A domestic network operator in any of	Principles	Procedural Requirements
contribute to Universal Service Obligation particularly the extension of services into rural and other undeserved areas as stipulated in the licences; 3. Public availability of licensing criteria - To advise other network operators on the licensed status of each network operator including terms and conditions pertaining to the operator's licence which govern the right of the licensee to interconnect withoperators; 4. Independent regulator To exercise its functions with respect to the conduct of telecommunications operators and the running of telecommunications services in Malaysia as provided for under Section 3B of the Telecommunications Act; 5. Interconnection arrangements To ensure that the following principles pertaining to interconnection arrangements are adhered to: Interconnection and access between network operators shall be on an equitable and non-discriminatory basis; Charges for interconnection facilities and services provided by network operators shall be fair and equitable; - The technical qualities of interconnect facilities and services provided by network operators shall be of no less quality than that provided by them within their ownnetworks; - A domestic network operator in any of	1. Competition Safeguards	to: - Maintain fair competition among network operators;
the licensed status of each network operator including terms and conditions pertaining to the operator's licence which govern the right of the licensee to interconnect with operators; 4. Independent regulator To exercise its functions with respect to the conduct of telecommunications operators and the running of telecommunications services in Malaysia as provided for under Section 3B of the Telecommunications Act; To ensure that the following principles pertaining to interconnection arrangements are adhered to: Interconnection and access between network operators shall be on an equitable and non-discriminatory basis; Charges for interconnection facilities and services provided by network operators shall be of no less quality than that provided by them within their ownnetworks; A domestic network operator in any of	2. Universal Service	contribute to Universal Service Obligation particularly the extension of services into rural and other undeserved areas as stipulated in the
conduct of telecommunications operators and the running of telecommunications services in Malaysia as provided for under Section 3B of the Telecommunications Act; 5. Interconnection arrangements To ensure that the following principles pertaining to interconnection arrangements are adhered to: Interconnection and access between network operators shall be on an equitable and non-discriminatory basis; Charges for interconnection facilities and services provided by network operators shall be fair and equitable; The technical qualities of interconnect facilities and services provided by network operators shall be of no less quality than that provided by them within their ownnetworks; A domestic network operator in any of	3. Public availability of licensing criteria	the licensed status of each network operator including terms and conditions pertaining to the operator's licence which govern the right of the licensee to
pertaining to interconnection arrangements are adhered to: Interconnection and access between network operators shall be on an equitable and non-discriminatory basis; Charges for interconnection facilities and services provided by network operators shall be fair and equitable; - The technical qualities of interconnect facilities and services provided by network operators shall be of no less quality than that provided by them within their ownnetworks; - A domestic network operator in any of	4. Independent regulator	conduct of telecommunications operators and the running of telecommunications services in Malaysia as provided for under
I the market segments shall not abuse its	5. Interconnection arrangements	pertaining to interconnection arrangements are adhered to: Interconnection and access between network operators shall be on an equitable and non-discriminatory basis; Charges for interconnection facilities and services provided by network operators shall be fair and equitable; - The technical qualities of interconnect facilities and services provided by network operators shall be of no less quality than that provided by them within their ownnetworks;

- market power to limit access to essential facilities only for interconnection;
- The network operator that provides the access connection to the customer should be allowed to tell him (the customer);
- No cross-subsidies should be allowed between carriers whereby one carrier has to bear an inequitable share of the Universal Service Obligation burden where the said share is not proportional to its market share.

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Myanmar	Telex Services	1)	None	1)	None
	(CPC 7523**)	2)	None	2)	None
		3)	As indicated in the Horizontal	3)	As indicated in the Horizontal
			Commitments		Commitments
		4)	As indicated in the Horizontal	4)	As indicated in the Horizontal
			Commitments		Commitments
	Telegraph Services	1)	None	1)	None
	(CPC 7522)	2)	None	2)	None
		3)	As indicated in the Horizontal	3)	As indicated in the Horizontal
			Commitments		Commitments
		4)	As indicated in the Horizontal	4)	As indicated in the Horizontal
			Commitments		Commitments
	Electronic Mail services	1)	Subject to comply with the	1)	Unbound
	(CPC 7523**)		provisions of existing rules and		
			regulations. Subject to		
			Utilization of National Gateway		
			only	2)	None
		2)	None	3)	As indicated in the Horizontal
		3)	As indicated in the Horizontal		Commitments
			Commitments	4)	As indicated in the Horizontal
		4)	As indicated in the Horizontal		Commitments
			Commitments		
	Voice Mail Services	1)	Subject to comply with the	1)	Unbound

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	(CPC 7523**)		provisions of existing rules and		
			regulations. Subject to		
			Utilization of National Gateway		
			only	2)	None
		2)	None	3)	As indicated in the Horizontal
		3)	As indicated in the Horizontal		Commitments
			Commitments	4)	As indicated in the Horizontal
		4)	As indicated in the Horizontal		Commitments
			Commitments		
	On Line information and data base	1)	Subject to comply with the	1)	Unbound
	retrieval		provisions of existing rules and		
	(CPC 7523**)		regulations. Subject to		
			Utilization of National Gateway		
			only	2)	None
		2)	None	3)	As indicated in the Horizontal
		3)	As indicated in the Horizontal		Commitments
			Commitments	4)	As indicated in the Horizontal
		4)	As indicated in the Horizontal		Commitments
			Commitments		
	Electronic Data Interchange (EDI)	1)	Subject to comply with the	1)	Unbound
	Services		provisions of existing rules and		
	(CPC 7523**)		regulations. Subject to		
			Utilization of National Gateway		

AMS	Sector or Sub-sector	L	imitations on Market Access	Lin	nitations on National Treatment
			only	2)	None
		2)	None	3)	As indicated in the Horizontal
		3)	As indicated in the Horizontal		Commitments
			Commitments	4)	As indicated in the Horizontal
		4)	As indicated in the Horizontal		Commitments
			Commitments		
	Code and protocol conversion	1)	Subject to comply with the	1)	Unbound
	(CPC 7523**)		provisions of existing rules and		
			regulations. Subject to		
			Utilization of National Gateway		
			only	2)	None
		2)	None	3)	As indicated in the Horizontal
		3)	As indicated in the Horizontal		Commitments
			Commitments	4)	As indicated in the Horizontal
		4)	As indicated in the Horizontal		Commitments
			Commitments		
	On Line information and /or data base	1)	Subject to comply with the	1)	Unbound
	processing		provisions of existing rules and		
	(CPC 843**)		regulations. Subject to		
			Utilization of National Gateway		
			only	2)	None
		2)	None	3)	As indicated in the Horizontal
		3)	As indicated in the Horizontal		Commitments

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		4) As indicated in the Horizontal Commitments
		Commitments

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The	The following services are	1) Unbound⁵	1) None	The Reference Paper on
Philippines	offered only on a facilities	2) None	2) None	Regulatory Principles will
	basis, for public use, using	3) Entry is subject to the	3) Entry is subject to the following	be reviewed in the future
	either wired or wireless	following requirements and	requirementsand conditions:	in accordance with the
	technology except cable	conditions:		developments of its laws
	television (CATV).		A. The number of non- Filipino	and regulations.
		A. Franchise from Congress	citizens in the Board of	
	a. Voice telephone	of the Philippines	Directors ofan entity shall be	
	services		proportionate to the	
	(CPC 7521)	B. Certificate of Public	aggregate share of foreign	
	 Local services 	Convenience and	capital of that entity.	
	 Toll services 	Necessity CPCN) from the		
	 Domestic 	National	B. All executives and managers	
	 International 	Telecommunications	must be citizens of the	
		Commission	Philippines.	
	b. Packet-switcheddata			
	transmission services	C. Foreign equity is		
	(CPC 7523**)	permitted up to 40		
		percent.		
	c. Circuit-switched data			
	(CPC 7523**)	D. Resale of private leased line is not allowed ⁶ .		
	d. Telex Services	E. Private leased circuit		

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	(CPC 7523**)	services shall not be		
		connected to a public		
	e. Telegraph Services	network (PSTN).		
	(CPC 7522)			
		F. Call back, dial back and		
	f. Facsimile services	other similar schemes,		
	(CPC7521**+7529**)	which result in the same		
		operation, are not		
	g. Private Leased Circuit	authorized.		
	Services			
	(CPC 7522**+7523)	G. Subject to the availability		
		andefficient utilization of		
	Cellular Mobile	radio frequencies.		
	Telephone Service			
	(CPC 75213)	H. Only duly enfranchised		
		and certificated		
	Satellite services	telecommunications,		
		broadcast and/or cable		
		TV entities can access		
		satellite space segment		
		service providers.		
		I. Philippine satellite		

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		operators shall be given		
		the preference to provide		
		the space segment		
		capacity requirements of		
		enfranchised entity after		
		all factors are equally		
		considered.		
		J. Satellite space segment service provisioning in the Philippines shall be on the basis of reciprocal		
		arrangements. 4) Service suppliers must be Filipino citizens.	4) Service suppliers must be Filipino citizens.	
		5 Shall be reviewed in the future in accordance with the developments of its laws and regulations. 6 Enfranchised public telecommunications entities (PTE) may be authorized to sell/resell private leased		

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		lines.		
	Data and message	1) Unbound ⁷	1) None	
	transmission services	2) None	2) None	
		3) Entry is subject to the	3) Entry is subject to the following	
	Data network services	following requirements and	requirementsand conditions:	
	(CPC 75231)	conditions:		
			A. The number of non- Filipino	
	Electronic message and	a. Franchise from Congress	citizens in the Board of	
	information services	ofthe Philippines	Directors of an entity shall be	
	(CPC 75232)		proportionate to the	
		b. Certificate of Public	aggregate share of foreign	
		Convenience and	capital of that entity.	
		Necessity (CPCN) from		
		the National	B. All executives and managers	
		Telecommunications	must be citizens of the	
		Commission	Philippines.	
		c. Foreign equity is		
		permitted up to 40		
		percent.		
		d. Resale of private leased lines is not allowed ⁸ .		

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		e. Private leased circuit		
		services shall not be		
		connected to a public		
		network (PSTN).		
		f. Call back, dial back and		
		other similar schemes,		
		which result in the same		
		operation, are not		
		authorized.		
		g. Subject to the availability		
		andefficient utilization of		
		radio frequencies.		
		h. Only duly enfranchised		
		and certified		
		telecommunications,		
		broadcast and/or cable		
		TV entities can access		
		satellite space segment		
		service providers.		

AMS	Sector or Sub-sector	Limitations on Market Access	Limitations on National Treatment	Additional Commitments
		i. Philippine satellite		
		operators shall be given		
		the preference to provide		
		the space segment		
		capacity requirements of		
		enfranchised entity after		
		all factors are equally		
		considered.		
		j. Satellite space segment		
		service provisioning in		
		the Philippines shall be on		
		the basis of reciprocal		
		arrangements.		
		4) Service suppliers must be Filipino citizens.	4) Service suppliers must be Filipino citizens.	
		The state of the future in the		
		accordance with the developments of		
		its laws and regulations.		
		8 Enfranchised public		

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		telecommunications entities (PTE) may			
		be authorized to sell/resell private			
		leased lines.			
	Philippine Reference Paper on Regulatory Principles in Telecommunications Services				

The commitments in telecommunication services are in accordance with the General Agreement on Trade in Services and its Annex on Telecommunications. In support of market access commitments undertaken, the following principles will form the basis for the regulatory framework in basic telecommunications.

1. <u>Competitive Safeguard</u>

Appropriate measures shall be maintained for the purpose of preventing suppliers from engaging in or continuing anti-competitive practices.

2. <u>Interconnection</u>

In order to achieve viable, efficient, reliable and universal telecommunications services, a fair and reasonable interconnection of facilities of authorized public network operators and other providers of telecommunications services shall be provided.

Interconnection shall be at any technically feasible point in the network, under non-discriminatory terms and conditions, in a timely fashion, and on terms and conditions that are fair, transparent and reasonable.

A service supplier requesting interconnection with another supplier will have recourse after a reasonable period of time which

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		has been made publi	cly known to an independent domest	c body, which may be a regulatory body	referred to in paragraph 5	
	below, to resolve disputes regarding appropriate terms, conditions and rates for interconnection within a reasonable period of					
	time, to the extent that these have not been established previously.					
	3.	<u>Universal Service</u>				
		Universal service obl	igations, as may be defined by the app	propriate Authority, shall be administered	d in a transparent, non-	
		discriminatory and co	ompetitively neutral manner. Authorize	ed international gateway and mobile cellu	lar telephone service	
		providers are require	d by law to install a set number of loca	l exchange lines in designated areas.		
	4.	Public available of lice	ensing criteria			
	Wher	e a license is required,	the following shall be made publicly a	vailable:		
		(a) all the licensing	ng criteria and the period of time norm	ally required to reach a decision concerni	ng an application for a license;	
		(b) the terms and	conditions of individual licenses			
		The reasons for the c	lenial of a license will be made known	to the applicant upon request.		
	5.	Independentregulato	<u>ors</u>			
		The regulatory body i	s separate from, and not accountable	to, any supplier of basic telecommunication	ons services. The decisions of	

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	and the procedures used by regulators shall be impartial with respect to all market participants.					
	The regulation of telecommunication suppliers shall rely principally on an administrative process that is stable, transparent and fair, giving due emphasis to technical, legal, economic and financial considerations, and with due regard to the observance of due process at all times.					
	A national consultative forum shall be maintained to allow interaction among the telecommunications industries, user groups, and academic and research institutions on important issues in the field of communications.					
	6. <u>Allocation and use of scarce resources</u>					
	Any procedures for the allocation and use of scarce resources, which are frequencies, numbers and rights of way, will be carried out in an objective, timely, transparent and non-discriminatory manner. The current state of allocated frequency bands will be made publicly available, but detailed identification of frequencies allocated for specific government uses is not required.					

AMS	Sector or Sub-sector	Lir	mitations on Market A	Access	Lim	itations on National Treatment	Additional Commitments
Singapore	General Conditions statement						
	Commitments undertaken in this schedule are subject to the following conditions:						
	The number of licences may be	limited o	due to scarce resource	es, such as ri	ights c	of way and availability of frequency	spectrum. This excludes
	services regulated under the Bro	oadcasti	ng Act.				
	1. Basic Telecommunication	1)	Subject to co	mmercial	1)	None	As indicated in REFERENCE
	Services (facilities-based):		arrangements with	licensed			PAPER appended.
	(a) Public Switched Services ¹		operator(s).				
	(local and international)	2)	None		2)	None	
	(b) Leased Circuit Services (local and international)	3)	A cumulative total of foreign shareholdin on 49% direct invest	ig, based	3)	None, except as indicated in the horizontal Section	
	¹ This includes voice, data and		24.99% indirect inve				
	facsimile services.		allowed.				
		4)	Unbound except as	indicated	4)	Unbound except as indicated in	
			in the horizontal Sect	tion		the horizontal Section	
	2. Mobile Services ²	1)	Subject to co	mmercial	1)	None	As indicated in REFERENCE
			arrangements with	licensed			PAPER appended.
	(a) Public Mobile Data		operator(s).				

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	Service (PMDS) (b) Public Trunked Radio Service (PTRS) (c) Public Radio Paging Service (PRPS) (d) Public Cellular Mobile Telephone Service (PCMTS)	 None A cumulative total of 73.99% foreign shareholding, based on 49% direct investment and 24.99% indirect investment is allowed. Unbound except as indicated in the horizontal Section 	None None, except as indicated in the horizontal Section Unbound except as indicated in the horizontal Section	
	² Mobile Services excludes Public Mobile Broadband Multimedia Services and Public Fixed-Wireless Broadband Multimedia Services			
	Resale basis: (a) Public Switched Services (local and international)	 Subject to commercial arrangements with licensed operator(s). 	1) None	
	(not including the use of leased circuits connected to the public switched	2) None3) As in mode 1	2) None3) None, except as indicated in the	

AMS	Sector or Sub-sector	Limitations on Market Access	Limitations on National Treatment	Additional Commitments
	network)		horizontal Section	
	(b) Leased Circuit Services (local and international) (without connection to the public switched network)	4) Unbound except as indicated in the horizontal Section	4) Unbound except as indicated in the horizontal Section	
	(c) Public Cellular Mobile Telephone Services			
	(d) Public Radio Paging Services			
	4. Value-added Network (VAN) services	Subject to commercial arrangements with licensed operator(s).	1) None	
	The services covered are:	2) None	2) None	
	- electronic-mail			
	- voice-mail	3) As in mode 1	3) None, except as indicated in the	
	- on-line information and data base		horizontal Section	
	retrieval	4) Unbound except as indicated	4) Unbound	

AMS	Sector or Sub-sector	Limitations on Market Access	Limitations on National Treatment	Additional Commitments
	- electronic data	in the horizontal Section.		
	interchange			
	- on-line information			
	and/or data			
	processing			

REFERENCE PAPER

Scope

The following are definitions and principles on the regulatory framework for the basic telecommunications services.

Definitions

Users mean service consumers and service suppliers.

Essential facilities mean facilities of a public telecommunications transport network or service that

- (a) are exclusively or predominantly provided by a single or limited number of suppliers; and
- cannot feasibly be economically or technically substituted in order to provide a service.

<u>A major supplier</u> is a supplier which has the ability to materially affect the terms of participation (having regard to price and supply) in the relevant market for basic telecommunications services as a result of:

- (a) control over essential facilities; or
- (b) use of its position in the market.

1. Competitive safeguards

1.1 Prevention of anti-competitive practices in telecommunications

Appropriate measures shall be maintained for the purpose of preventing suppliers who, alone or together, are a major supplier from engaging in or continuing anti-competitive practices.

1.2 <u>Safeguards</u>

The anti-competitive practices referred to above shall include in particular:

- (a) engaging in anti-competitive cross-subsidization;
- (b) using information obtained from competitors with anti-competitive results and
- (c) not making available to other services suppliers on a timely basis technical information about essential facilities and commercially relevant information which are necessary for them to provide services.

2. Interconnection

2.1 This section applies to linking with suppliers providing public telecommunications transport networks or services in order to allow the users of one supplier to communicate with

users of another supplier and to access services provided by another supplier, where specific commitments are undertaken.

2.2 Interconnection to be ensured

Interconnection with a major supplier will be ensured at any technically feasible point in the network. Such interconnection is provided.

- (a) under non-discriminatory terms, conditions (including technical standards and specifications) and rates and of a quality no less favourable than that provided for its own like services or for like services of non-affiliated service suppliers or for its subsidiaries or other affiliates:
- (b) in a timely fashion, on terms, conditions (including technical standards and specifications) and cost-oriented rates that are transparent, reasonable, having regard to economic feasibility, and sufficiently unbundled so that the supplier need not pay for network components or facilities that it does not require for the service to be provided; and
- (c) upon request, at points in addition to the network termination points offered to the majority of users, subject to charges that reflect the cost of construction of necessary additional facilities.

2.3 Public availability of the procedures for interconnection negotiations

The procedures applicable for interconnection to a major supplier will be made publicly available.

2.4 Transparency of interconnection arrangements

It is ensured that a major supplier will make publicly available either its interconnection agreements or a reference interconnection offer.

2.5 <u>Interconnection: dispute settlement</u>

A service supplier requesting interconnection with a major supplier will have recourse, either:

- (a) at any time or
- (b) after a reasonable period of time which has been made publicly known

to an independent domestic body, which may be a regulatory body as referred to in paragraph 5 below, to resolve disputes regarding appropriate terms, conditions and rates for interconnection within a reasonable period of time, to the extent that these have not been established previously.

3. Universal service

Any Party has the right to define the kind of universal service obligation it wishes to maintain. Such obligations will not be regarded as anti-competitive *per se*, provided they are administered in a transparent, non-discriminatory and competitively neutral manner and are not more burdensome than necessary for the kind of universal service defined by the Party.

4. Public availability of licensing criteria

Where a licence is required, the following will be made publicly available:

- (a) all the licensing criteria and the period of time normally required to reach a decision concerning an application for a licence and
- (b) the terms and conditions of individual licences.

The reasons for the denial of a licence will be made known to the applicant upon request.

5. <u>Independent regulators</u>

The regulatory body is separate from, and not accountable to, any supplier of basic telecommunications services. The decisions of and the procedures used by regulators shall be impartial with respect to all market participants.

6. Allocation and use of scarce resources

Any procedures for the allocation and use of scarce resources, including frequencies, numbers and rights of way, will be carried out in an objective, timely, transparent and non-discriminatory manner. The current state of allocated frequency bands will be made publicly available, but detailed identification of frequencies allocated for specific government uses is not required.

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Thailand	Commitments undertaken in this sc	hedule are subject to the following gen	eral conditions:	
	national authority(s). - Licences are granted only to se management located in the Th - The service provider shall open the designated national authowhich deemed to have any act assic necessary new telecomment.	ervice suppliers duly constituted accordinal Area. Trate for public use through existing facilurity(s) may prohibit the license applicates of "business control" by a juridical pers	itments on public telecommunication se	s head office and authority(s). ommunication businesses
	Public local, domestic long distance and international services: (a) Fixed-line voice telephone services	- traffic shall be routed through gateways in Thailand operated by suppliers duly licensed; - the provision of concerned services shall be agreed by the supplier duly licensed of both ends. None, other than - traffic shall be routed	1) None 2) None	Thailand will introduce into its Schedule of Specific Commitments (SOC) on public telecommunication services its treatment on the subjects relating to competitive safeguards, interconnection, universal service, public availability of licensing criteria, separation of regulatory and operational functions, and the allocation and use of scarce resources

AMS	Sector or Sub-sector	Limitations on Market Access	Limitations on National Treatment	Additional Commitments
		Thailand operated by suppliers duly licensed; - the provision of concerned services shall be agreed by the supplier duly licensed of both ends 3) As indicated in 3.1 of the horizontal section 4) As indicated in the horizontal section	3) As indicated in the horizontal section4) As indicated in the horizontal	
			section	
	 (d) Telex services (CPC 7523**) (e) Telegraph services (f) Facsimile services (CPC 7521**+7529**) 	- traffic shall be routed through gateways in Thailand operated by suppliers duly licensed; - the provision of concerned services shall be agreed by the supplier duly licensed of both ends.	1) None	Thailand will introduce into its SOC on public telecommunication services its treatment on the subjects relating to competitive safeguards, interconnection, universal service, public availability of licensing criteria, separation of regulatory and operational functions, and the allocation and use of scarce resources.
		2) None, other than- traffic shall be routed	2) None	

AMS	Sector or Sub-sector	Limitations on Market Access	Limitations on National Treatment	Additional Commitments
		through gateways in Thailand operated by suppliers duly licensed;		
		 the provision of concerned services shall be agreed by the supplier duly licensed of both ends 		
		3) As indicated in 3.2 of the horizontal section		
		4) Unbound	 As indicated in the horizontal section 	
			4) Unbound	
	(h) Electronic mail (CPC 7523**)	None, other than traffic shall be routed through	1) None	Thailand will introduce into its SOC on public telecommunication
	(i) Voice mail (CPC 7523**)	gateways in Thailand operated by suppliers duly licensed;		services its treatment on the subjects relating to competitive safeguards, interconnection, universal
		 the provision of concerned services shall be agreed by the supplier duly licensed of both ends. 		service, public availability of licensing criteria, separation of regulatory and operational functions,
		2) None, other than	2) None	and the allocation and use of scarce resources.
		 traffic shall be routed through gateways in 		

AMS		Sector or Sub-sector	Li	mitations on Market Access	Lim	itations on National Treatment	Additional Commitments
				Thailand operated by suppliers duly licensed; - the provision of concerned services shall be agreed by the supplier duly licensed of both ends			
			3)	As indicated in 3.2 of the horizontal section	3)	As indicated in the horizontal section	
			4)	Unbound	4)	As indicated in the horizontal section	
	(j) (n)	On-line information and data base retrieval (CPC 7523**) On-line information and/or data processing services provided over public telecommunications	1)	None, other than - traffic shall be routed through gateways in Thailand operated by suppliers duly licensed;	1)	None	Thailand will introduce into its SOC on public telecommunication services its treatment on the subjects relating to competitive safeguards, interconnection, universal services public availability.
		network (part of CPC 843, excluding transaction processing)		 the provision of concerned services shall be agreed by the supplier duly licensed of both ends. 			service, public availability of licensing criteria, separation of regulatory and operational functions, and the allocation and use of scarce resources.
			2)	None, other than	2)	None	
				 traffic shall be routed through gateways in 			

AMS	Sector or Sub-sector	Limitations on Market Access	Limitations on National Treatment	Additional Commitments
		Thailand operated by suppliers duly licensed; - the provision of concerned services shall be agreed by the supplier duly licensed of both ends		
		3) (a) Shall be a Thai registered company with foreign equity participation not exceeding 40 per cent of the registered capital	3) As indicated in the horizontal section	
		(b) The number of foreign shareholders must be less than half of the total number of shareholders		
		(c) Must use networks operated by suppliers duly licensed	4) As indicated in the horizontal	
		4) As indicated in the horizontal section	section	
	Data base access services (part of CPC 7523)	Service providers must use networks operated be suppliers duly licensed	1) None	
		2) None		

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		3) (a) Shall be a Thai registered company with foreign equity participation not exceeding 25 per cent of the registered capital	None As indicated in the horizontal section	
		 (b) The number of foreign shareholders must be less than half of the total number of shareholders (c) Must use networks operated by suppliers duly licensed 		
		As indicated in the horizontal section	As indicated in the horizontal section	
	o) Other: Telecommunications terminal equipment leasing	None, subject to commercial arrangement with licensed operators	 None None 	
	services (CPC 75410)	2) None	Z) NOTIC	
		3) (a) As indicated in 3.1 of the horizontal section	3) As indicated in the horizontal section	
		(b) Must use networks operated by suppliers		

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		duly licensed		
		4) (a) As indicated in the horizontal section	4) As indicated in the horizontal	
		(b) Unbound for civil engineer	section	
	Telecommunications equipment sales services (part of CPC 75420)	None, subject to commercial arrangement with licensed operators	1) None	
		2) None	2) None	
		3) As indicated in 3.1 of the horizontal section	3) As indicated in the horizontal section	
		4) (a) As indicated in the horizontal section	4) As indicated in the horizontal section	
		(b) Unbound for Civil engineer		
	Telecommunication Consulting Services	1) None	1) None	
	(CPC 75440)	2) None	2) None	
		3) As indicated in 3.2 of the horizontal section	3) As indicated in the horizontal section	
		4) (a) As indicated in the horizontal section	4) As indicated in the horizontal section	
		(b) Unbound for Civil engineer		

AMS	Sector or Sub-sector	Limitations on Market Access	Limitations on National Treatment	Additional Commitments
	Dedicated network services (CPC 75222)	- traffic shall be routed through gateways in Thailand operated by suppliers duly licensed; - the provision of concerned services shall be agreed by the supplier duly licensed of both ends.	1) None	Thailand will introduce into its SOC on public telecommunication services its treatment on the subjects relating to competitive safeguards, interconnection, universal service, public availability of licensing criteria, separation of regulatory and operational functions, and the allocation and use of scarce resources.
		 None, other than traffic shall be routed through gateways in Thailand operated by suppliers duly licensed; the provision of concerned services shall be agreed by the supplier duly licensed of both ends 	2) None	
		3) (a) Shall be a Thai registered company with foreign equity participation not exceeding 25 per cent of	3) As indicated in the horizontal section	

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		the registered capital		
		(b) The number of foreign shareholders must be less than half of the total number of shareholders		
		(c) Must use networks operated by suppliers duly licensed		
		4) As indicated in the horizontal section	4) As indicated in the horizontal section	
	Videotext Teleconference	a) Service providers must use networks operated by suppliers duly licensed	1) None	
		b) Radio application service is subject to frequency availability		
		2) None	2) None	
		3) (a) Shall be a Thai registered company with foreign equity participation not exceeding 40% of the registered capital and the number of foreign shareholders must not	3) As indicated in the horizontal section	

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		exceed 40% of the total		
		number of shareholders		
		of the company		
		(b) Must use public telecommunication network under national telecommunication authorities		
		(c) Selection of service providers shall be based on open tender		
		4) As indicated in the horizontal		
		section		
			4) As indicated in the horizontal	
			section	

AMS	Sector or Suk	o-sector	Limitations on Ma	ket Access	Limitations on N	lational Treatment	Additional Commitments	
Viet Nam	Commitments her	eunder are made	in accordance with '	Notes for Sched	uling Basic Telecor	m Services Commitme	ents" (S/GBT/W/2/REV.1) and	
	"Market Access Limitations on Spectrum Availability" (S/GBT/W/3). For the purpose of these commitments, a "non-facilities based service							
	supplier" means a service supplier which does not own transmission capacity but contracts for such capacity including submarine cable capacity,							
	including on a lo	ng-term basis, fro	om a facilities-based	supplier. A no	n facilities-based	supplier is not other	rwise excluded from owning	
	telecommunicatio	ns equipment with	hin their premises and	d permitted publ	ic service provision	n points (POP).		
	<u>Basic</u> teleco	ommunication :	None, except:		1) None.		Viet Nam undertakes the	
	<u>services</u>						obligations in the	
			Wire-based	and mobile			Reference Paper attached	
	(a) Voice teleph	one services	terrestrial ser	vices: Service			hereto.	
	(CPC 7521)		must be offe	ered through				
			commercial	arrangements			For consortium submarine	
	(b) Packet-switc	hed data	with an entity	established in			cable links where Viet Nam	
	transmission	services	Viet Nam and	l licensed to			is member, foreign service	
	(CPC 7523**)	provide	international			suppliers shall be	
			telecommunica	tion services.			permitted to control fully-	
	(c) Circuit-switc	hed data					owned submarine cable	
	transmission	services	Satellite-based	services:			transmission capacity (e.g.	
	(CPC 7523**)	Subject to	commercial			IRU or consortium	
			arrangements	with			ownership) terminating at	
	(d) Telex service	es es	Vietnamese	international			a licensed cable landing	
	(CPC 7523**)	satellite service	suppliers duly			station in Viet Nam, and to	
			licensed in Vie	Nam, except			provide such capacity to	
	(e) Telegraph se	rvices	satellite-based	services			international facilities-	
	(CPC 7523**)	offered to:				based service suppliers	
							licensed in Viet Nam and	
	(f) Facsimile ser	vices	 Off-shore/o 	n sea based			international VPN and IXP	
	(CPC 7521**	+ 7529**)	business	customers,			service suppliers licensed	
			governmen	t institutions,	2) None.		in Viet Nam.	
	(g) Private lease	d circuit	facilities-ba	sed service	Z) NOHE.			
	services		suppliers,	radio and	3) None.			
					o) none.			

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	(CPC 7522** + 7523**)	television broadcasters, official international		
	(o*) Other services	organization'		
	- Videoconference services	representative offices, diplomatic representatives and		
	(CPC 75292)	consulates, high tech and software development		
	 Video Transmission services, excluding broadcasting¹⁶ 	parks who are licensed to use satellite-earth stations;		
	- Radio based services includes:	- Multinational companies ¹⁷ , which are licensed to use satellite-		
	+ Mobile telephone (terrestrial and satellite)	earth stations. 2) None		
	+ Mobile data (terrestrial and	3) None, except:		
	satellite)	Non facilities-based services: Joint venture will be allowed		
	+ Paging	without limitation on choice of partner.		
	+ PCS	Foreign capital contribution shall not exceed 65% of legal		
	+ Trunking	capital of the joint ventures.		
	- Internet Exchange Service (IXP) ¹⁸	Facilities-based services: Joint venture with		

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	16 Broadcasting is defined as the uninterrupted chain of transmission required for the distribution of TV and radio programme signals to the general public, but does not cover contribution links between operators. 17 A multinational is a corporation which: a) has a commercial presence in Viet Nam; b) operates in at least one other WTO member; c) has been in operation for at least 5 years; d) is publicly listed on the stock exchange of a WTO member; and e) is licensed to use satellite services in at least one WTO member. 18 Services providing internet access service (IAS) suppliers with connection between them and to the international Internet backbone.	telecommunications service suppliers duly licensed in Viet Nam will be allowed. Foreign capital contribution shall not exceed 49% of legal capital of the joint ventures. 51% gives management control of the joint venture. In the telecommunications sector, foreign investors in BCC will have the possibility to renew current arrangements or to convert them into another form of establishment with conditions no less favourable than those they currently enjoy.		
		4) Unbound, except as indicated in the horizontal section.	4) Unbound, except as indicated in the horizontal section	
	Basic telecommunication services:	1) None, except:	1) None.	Viet Nam undertakes the obligations in the
	(o*) Other services	Wire-based and mobile terrestrial services: Service must be offered through		Reference Paper attached hereto.
	- Virtual Private Network (VPN) ¹⁹	commercial arrangements with an entity established in		For consortium submarine cable links where Viet Nam

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	19 Services, provided on commercial terms, establishing and managing a private network over public (shared) networks for the purpose of carrying out, on a non-profit basis, voice and data telecommunications between members of a closed user group defined prior to the creation of the VPN. Such group may include a corporate group or organization, or a group of legal entities with an established relationship affiliated through the pursuit of a common interest. Initial members of a closed user group using VPN service must be listed in a dialling or routing plan approved by the Competent Authority and subject to its oversight. VPN service suppliers shall notify to the Competent Authority changes of membership at least two working weeks prior to actually commencing commercial service and can commence commercial service or ovided that no objection from the Competent Authority is issued during these two weeks. Members are not allowed to resell VPN services to unaffiliated third parties. Virtual private networks are not allowed to carry/transfer traffic	Viet Nam and licensed to provide international telecommunication services. Satellite-based services: Subject to commercial arrangements with Vietnamese international satellite service suppliers duly licensed in Viet Nam, except satellite-based services offered to: - Off-shore/on sea based business customers, government institutions, facilities-based service suppliers, radio and television broadcasters, official international organization' representative offices, diplomatic representatives and consulates, high tech and software development parks who are licensed to use satellite-earth stations;		is member, foreign service suppliers shall be permitted to control fullyowned submarine cable transmission capacity (e.g. IRU or consortium ownership) terminating at a licensed cable landing station in Viet Nam, and to provide such capacity to international facilities-based service suppliers licensed in Viet Nam and international VPN and IXP service suppliers licensed in Viet Nam.

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	of/between unaffiliated third parties. VPN services can be offered by licensed foreign-invested service suppliers bundled with Internet		 Multinational companie¹⁷, which are licensed to use satellite- earth stations. 			
	access service and value-added services from (h) to (n).	2)	None.	2)	None.	
		3)	None, except:	3)	None.	
			Non facilities-based services: Joint ventures shall be allowed without limitation on choice of partner. Foreign capital contribution shall not exceed 70% of legal capital of the joint ventures.			
			Facilities-based services: Joint venture with telecommunications service suppliers duly licensed in Viet Nam will be allowed. Foreign capital contribution shall not exceed 49% of legal capital of the joint ventures.			
		4)	Unbound, except as indicated in the horizontal section.			
				4)	Unbound, except as indicated in	

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			the horizontal section.	
	<u>Value-added services</u>	1) None, except:	1) None.	Viet Nam undertakes the obligations in the
	(h) Electronic mail	Wire-based and mobile		Reference Paper attached
	(CPC 7523 **)	terrestrial services: Service must be offered through		hereto.
	(i) Voice mail	commercial arrangements		
	(CPC 7523 **)	with an entity established in Viet Nam and licensed to		
	(j) On-line information and database retrieval (CPC 7523**)	telecommunication services.		
	(k) Electronic data interchange (EDI) (CPC 7523**)	Satellite-based services: Subject to commercial arrangements with Vietnamese international satellite service suppliers duly		
	(l) Enhance/value-added facsimile services, inclustore and forward, store and retrieve	licensed Viet Nam, except satellite-based services offered to:		
	(CPC 7523**) (m) Code and protocol conversion	 Off-shore/on sea based business customers, government institutions, facilities-based service suppliers, radio and 		
	On-line information and data processing (incl. transaction processing) (CPC 843**)	television broadcasters, official international		

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		diplomatic representatives and consulates, high tech and software development parks who are licensed to use satellite-earth stations;		
		 Multinational companie¹⁷, which are licensed to use satellite- earth stations. 		
		2) None.	2) None.	
		3) None, except:	3) None.	
		Non facilities-based services: Business cooperation contracts or joint ventures will be allowed. Foreign capital contribution shall not exceed 65% of legal capital of the joint ventures.		
		Facilities-based services: Business cooperation contracts or joint ventures (JV) with telecommunications service suppliers duly licensed in Viet Nam will be allowed.		

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			Foreign capital contribution shall not exceed 50% of legal capital of the joint ventures.			
			Fifty-one % gives management control of the joint venture.			
			In the telecommunications sector, foreign investors in BCC will have the possibility to renew current arrangements or to convert them into another form of establishment with conditions no less favourable than those they currently enjoy.			
		4)	Unbound, except as indicated in the horizontal section.	4)	Unbound, except as indicated in the horizontal section.	
	Value added services (o) Other - Internet Access Services IAS ²⁰ 20 Services providing internet access to the end users.	1)	Wire-based and mobile terrestrial services: None, except: Service must be offered through commercial arrangements with an entity established in Viet Nam and licensed to provide international telecommunication services.	1)	None.	Viet Nam undertakes the obligations in the Reference Paper attached hereto.

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		Satellite-based services:		
		Subject to commercial		
		arrangements with		
		Vietnamese international		
		satellite service suppliers duly		
		licensed in Viet Nam, except		
		satellite-based services		
		offered to:		
		- Off-shore/on sea		
		- Off-shore/on sea based business		
		customers, government		
		institutions, facilities-		
		based services suppliers,		
		radio and television		
		broadcasters, official		
		international		
		organization'		
		representative offices,		
		diplomatic		
		representatives and		
		consulates, high tech and		
		software development		
		parks who are licensed to		
		use satellite-earth		
		stations;		
		- Multinational companie ¹⁷ ,		
		which are licensed to use		
		satellite- earth stations.		

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		None. Non facilities-based services: Joint venture will be allowed without limitation on choice	2) None. 3) None.	
		of partner. Foreign capital contribution shall not exceed 65% of legal capital of the joint ventures.		
		Facilities-based services: Joint venture (JV) with telecommunications service suppliers duly licensed in Viet Nam will be allowed. Foreign capital contribution shall not exceed 50% of legal capital of the joint ventures.		
		4) Unbound, except as indicated in the horizontal section.	4) Unbound, except as indicated in the horizontal section.	

REFERENCE PAPER

I. SCOPE

The following are definitions and principles on the regulatory framework for the basic telecommunications services.

Definitions

Users mean service consumers and service suppliers.

<u>Essential facilities</u> mean facilities of a public telecommunications transport network or service that

- (a) are exclusively or predominantly provided by a single or limited number of suppliers; and
- (b) cannot feasibly be economically or technically substituted in order to provide a service.

A major supplier is a supplier which has the ability to materially affect the terms of participation (having regard to price and supply) in the relevant market for basic telecommunications services as a result of:

- (a) control over essential facilities; or
- (b) use of its position in the market.

1. Competitive safeguards

1.1 Prevention of anti-competitive practices in telecommunications

Appropriate measures shall be maintained for the purpose of preventing suppliers who, alone or together, are a major supplier from engaging in or continuing anti- competitive practices.

1.2 Safeguards

The anti-competitive practices referred to above shall include in particular:

- (a) engaging in anti-competitive cross-subsidization;
- (b) using information obtained from competitors with anti-competitive results; and
- (c) not making available to other services suppliers on a timely basis technical information about essential facilities and commercially relevant information which are necessary for them to provide services.

2. <u>Interconnection</u>

2.1 This section applies to linking with suppliers providing public telecommunications transport networks or services in order to allow the users of one supplier to communicate with users of another supplier and to access services provided by another supplier, where specific commitments are undertaken.

2.2 Interconnection to be ensured

Interconnection with a major supplier will be ensured at any technically feasible point in the network. Such interconnection is provided.

- (a) under non-discriminatory terms, conditions (including technical standards and specifications) and rates and of a quality no less favourable than that provided for its own like services or for like services of non-affiliated service suppliers or for its subsidiaries or other affiliates;
- (b) in a timely fashion, on terms, conditions (including technical standards and specifications) and cost-oriented rates that are transparent, reasonable, having regard to economic feasibility, and sufficiently unbundled so that the supplier need not pay for network components or facilities that it does not require for the service to be provided; and
- (c) upon request, at points in addition to the network termination points offered to the majority of users, subject to charges that reflect the cost of construction of necessary additional facilities.

2.3 Public availability of the procedures for interconnection negotiations

The procedures applicable for interconnection to a major supplier will be made publicly available.

2.4 Transparency of interconnection arrangements

It is ensured that a major supplier will make publicly available either its interconnection agreements or a reference interconnection offer.

2.5 Interconnection: dispute settlement

A service supplier requesting interconnection with a major supplier will have recourse, either:

- (a) at any time; or
- (b) after a reasonable period of time which has been made publicly known to an independent domestic body, which may be a regulatory body as referred to in paragraph 5 below, to resolve disputes regarding appropriate terms, conditions and rates for interconnection within a reasonable period of time, to the extent that these have not been established previously.

3. Universal service

Any Party has the right to define the kind of universal service obligation it wishes to maintain. Such obligations will not be regarded as anti-competitive *per se*, provided they are administered in a transparent, non-discriminatory and competitively neutral manner and are not more burdensome than necessary for the kind of universal service defined by the Party.

4. Public availability of licensing criteria

Where a licence is required, the following will be made publicly available:

- (a) all the licensing criteria and the period of time normally required to reach a decision concerning an application for a licence; and
- (b) the terms and conditions of individual licenses.

The reasons for the denial of a licence will be made known to the applicant upon request.

5. <u>Independent regulators</u>

The regulatory body is separate from, and not accountable to, any supplier of basic telecommunications services. The decisions of and the procedures used by regulators shall be impartial with respect to all market participants.

6. Allocation and use of scarce resources

Any procedures for the allocation and use of scarce resources, including frequencies, numbers and rights of way, will be carried out in an objective, timely, transparent and non-discriminatory manner. The current state of allocated frequency bands will be made publicly available, but detailed identification of frequencies allocated for specific government uses is not required.

Annex

EXPLANATIONS OF THE FOUR MODES OF SUPPLY FOR TRADE IN SERVICES

Cross Border Supply (Mode 1)

The cross border mode of supply refers to the supply of service from the area of an FTA party into the area of the other FTA party. If Party A of an FTA makes commitment in respect of Mode 1, a service supplier of the other Party of the FTA (i.e. Party B) can supply the service within the area of Party B to service consumers in the area of Party A, without being physically present in the area of Party A. An example is the supply of consultancy service through telecommunications, fax or mail etc.

Consumption Abroad (Mode 2)

The consumption abroad mode of supply refers to the supply of service in the area of an FTA party to the service consumer of the other FTA party. If Party A of an FTA makes commitment in respect of Mode 2, a service supplier of Party B can, within the area of Party B, provide the service to consumers of Party A who are present in the area of Party B. An example is the supply of hotel services.

Commercial Presence (Mode 3)

The commercial presence mode of supply refers to the supply of service by a service supplier of an FTA party, through commercial presence in the area of the other FTA party. If Party A of an FTA makes commitment in respect of Mode 3, a service supplier of Party B can provide the service within the area of Party A through commercial presence in the area of Party A. This covers the presence of juridical persons (e.g. corporations, joint ventures, partnership, sole proprietorship, trust, association) as well as representative offices, branches etc.

Movement of Natural Person (Mode 4)

The movement of natural person mode of supply refers to the supply of service by a service supplier of an FTA party, through the presence of their natural persons in the area of the other FTA party. If Party A of an FTA makes commitment in respect of Mode 4, a service supplier of Party B can provide the service within the area of Party A through the presence of natural persons of Party B. This covers natural persons who are themselves service suppliers, as well as natural persons who are employees of service suppliers (e.g. accountants of accounting firms).