



Notice of Consultation

ICT 2023 – 2 – Revision of Fees for Mobile(Cellular) and Fixed Wireless Spectrum

The Utility Regulation and Competition Office ('OfReg') hereby issues a Notice of Consultation on proposed revisions it is seeking to make to the Fees for Mobile (Cellular) and Fixed Wireless Access Spectrum.

OfReg's current implementation of the fee structure for Mobile (Cellular) and Fixed Wireless Access spectrum is that each active transmitter is charged CI\$75.00 per channel (or transmission frequency) per annum. Neither the Information Communications and Technology Act (the 'ICT Act'), nor the Utility and Competition Regulation Act (the 'URC Act') shed any light on how a transmitter, channel or transmission frequency should be interpreted for the purposes of charging.

In order to overcome this lack of definition and rectify a number of other issues associated with the current spectrum fee structure it is being proposed that the fees for Mobile (Cellular) and Fixed Wireless Spectrum be clarified and updated.

The consultation will cover the following areas:

- Details of the proposed changes
- The rationale for the proposed changes, such as:
 - The need to better reflect spectrum use
 - Handling scarcity and excess demand
 - Ensuring objectivity in spectrum fees
 - The importance of openness and transparency
 - International best practices

Interested parties are encouraged to review the consultation which is set to be launched on Friday 13 October 2023.

The Consultation will be available at www.ofreg.ky under the consultation tab.

OfReg encourages concerned parties considering participating in the Consultation process by commenting on the proposed revision of Fees for Mobile(Cellular) and Fixed Wireless Spectrum to provide their feedback, supported by appropriate justifications, to the issues raised in the Consultation.

All comments will be taken into consideration by the Office.

Responses to the consultation must be submitted to OfReg on or before **5 p.m., Thursday 30 November 2023.**

Responses submitted after 5p.m. will not be considered.

Responses can be submitted:

By e-mail to:

consultations@ofreg.ky

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