



Notice of Consultation

ICT 2022 – 1 – Consultation on Proposed Market Definition and Competition Assessment of the Retail Market for Fixed Access and Call Services

31 March 2022

The Utility Regulation and Competition Office (the '**Office**' or '**OfReg**') issues this notice confirming that the Office will be launching a consultation on the proposed Market Definition and Competition Assessment of the Retail Market for Fixed Access and Call Services, which will be the first of a series of staged consultations to be issued as part of the Office's assessment of significant market power ('*SMP*', or otherwise, '*dominance*') in several markets under review in the telecommunications sector.

The assessment of SMP consists of defining the relevant market within which a particular product or service competes. In defining relevant markets, the Office identifies and defines the boundaries of competition in order to identify, in a systematic way, the competitive constraints faced by sectoral Licensees. In defining the relevant market, the product and geographic scope of the market is examined, along with considering whether services offered to different customer segments should be included in the same market. The relevant markets then form the basis for the competition assessment (or SMP assessment), which is the second stage of the market review process. The third stage of the market review process considers whether it is appropriate to maintain, amend or withdraw existing regulatory obligations, or impose regulatory obligations – where a Licensee is deemed to have SMP.

The benefit of conducting SMP review is to ensure balanced competition in defined markets which serves to protect consumers.

The upcoming consultation paper is designed to seek the views of Licensees, the general public, and other interested parties, regarding the proposed Market Definition and Competition Assessment of the Retail Market for Fixed Access and Call Services.

All interested parties are encouraged to read the consultation document and to submit any comments, with supporting evidence within the timelines specified in the consultation document.

The consultation document is scheduled to be published on 29th April 2022 and can be downloaded at www.ofreg.ky at that time.



Responses to the consultation will be requested to be submitted to the Office on or before **5 p.m., 30th May 2022** and are to be submitted:

By email to:

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