

Telecom Regulatory Authority of India
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**TRAI issues "The Telecommunication Interconnection Usage Charges
(Fourteenth Amendment) Regulations, 2018"**

New Delhi, 12th January, 2018: The Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI) today issued "The Telecommunication Interconnection Usage Charges (Fourteenth Amendment) Regulations, 2018" which prescribes International Termination Charges.

2. International termination charges (ITC) are the charges payable by an International Long Distance Operator (ILDO), which is carrying calls from outside the country, to the access provider in the country in whose network the call terminates.

3. Through this Regulation the Authority has reduced the termination charges payable by an International Long Distance Operator (ILDO) to the access provider in whose network the call terminates from Rs.0.53 (paise fifty three only) per minute to Rs.0.30 (paise thirty only) per minute.

4. The prevailing IUC Regulation was notified on 23rd February, 2015 and came into effect from 1st March, 2015. TRAI issued a Consultation Paper on "Review of Interconnection Usage Charges" on 05.08.2016 for seeking comments of the stakeholders wherein, *inter-alia*, issues related to "International Termination Charges" were raised for consultation with stakeholders. In an Open House Discussions held on 20.07.2017 at Delhi wherein the stakeholders expressed their views on Domestic Termination Charges, the issue of International Termination Charges was also discussed. Thereafter, while issuing "The Telecommunication Interconnection Usage Charges (Thirteenth Amendment) Regulations, 2017 (5 of 2017) dated 19.09.2017, the Authority observed the need for more deliberation on the issue of International Termination Charges.

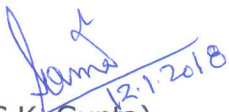


5. The Authority wanted to listen the view point of all the ASPs and ILDOs who carry voice traffic to/from India. Therefore, a one-day Workshop was conducted on "Review of International Termination Charges" on 16.10.2017 in New Delhi. The Workshop was attended by ILDOs who carry voice traffic to/from India and Access Service Providers. Subsequently, all ASPs and ILDOs who carry voice traffic to/from India were asked to furnish information in respect of incoming and outgoing ILD voice minutes.

6. On the basis of the comments of stakeholders in writing or during the Open House Discussion or during the workshop, the Authority has prescribed revised International Termination Charges through these Regulations.

7. Full text of "The Telecommunication Interconnection Usage charges (Fourteenth Amendment) Regulations, 2018" is available on TRAI's website: www.trai.gov.in

8. For any information/clarification Mr. Arvind Kumar, Advisor (BB&PA) may be contacted at Tel. No. 011-23220209.


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