

GUIDELINES TO APPLICATION OF SATELLITE DOWNLINK ONLY LICENCE

1 INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 This document contains general information and guidelines for interested parties to apply for the licence to provide and operate a satellite downlink service for broadcasting signals only.

2 DEFINITIONS

2.1 Satellite Downlink

- 2.1.1 In this document, satellite downlink refers to the reception of broadcast signals from a satellite in space by a local earth station.

2.2 Broadcasting Signals

- 2.2.1 In this document, broadcasting signals refers to audio, video and data broadcasting signals.

3 SCOPE OF LICENCE

- 3.1 The licence granted for satellite downlink only is restricted to downlinking of **broadcasting signals** only. The licence **shall not** in any way allow the licensee to:

- (a) provide telecommunication services; and
- (b) uplink broadcasting signals.

- 3.1.2 Applications proposing the downlink of public satellite television/ radio broadcasting programmes **in addition** to the downlinking of broadcasting signals must seek additional approval from the Info-communications Media Development Authority (IMDA).

- 3.1.3 For parties interested in downlinking weather satellite information, please see Annex 1 for additional conditions that will be imposed on the successful Licensees.



4 LICENCE FEES

- 4.1 An annual licence fee of \$200 (Singapore dollars) is payable to IMDA.
- 4.2 Licence fees paid shall not be refunded (whether on a pro-rated basis or any other basis) in the event that the licence is cancelled by IMDA in the following circumstances:
- (a) where the licensee requests for variation or early termination of its licence, or
 - (b) where IMDA cancels the licence under Section 10 of the Telecommunications Act 1999.

5 DURATION OF LICENCE

- 5.1 The duration of the licence granted shall be an initial term of 10 years and subject to review and renewal on a 5-yearly basis thereafter.

6 FOREIGN EQUITY

- 6.1 There is no restriction on foreign ownership for the satellite downlink only licence. The Licensee shall be a limited liability partnership, a company incorporated or a foreign company registered under the Singapore Companies Act 1967.

7 COMPLIANCE WITH REGULATORY FRAMEWORK

- 7.1 The licensee shall provide any information of document, which may be requested by IMDA, from time to time, in the exercise of its functions, powers and duties.
- 7.2 The licensee shall comply with any other directions or regulations which IMDA may from time to time issue in the exercise of its powers, functions and duties under the IMDA Act.

8 SATELLITE COMMUNICATION STATION LICENCE & FREQUENCY

- 8.1 Applications must also apply for a Satellite Communication Station Licence for the establishment and operation of a satellite communication station in Singapore. Applicants should submit their licence application via the GoBusiness Licensing Portal.
- 8.2 Applicants should note that frequency fees are separately payable to IMDA for the allocation and management of frequencies.
- 8.3 Applicants are advised to take appropriate measures such as installing filters in their receiver system to mitigate potential interference from other services.

9 APPROVAL FROM OTHER RELEVANT AUTHORITIES

9.1 The applicant is required to seek necessary approval from other relevant authorities in Singapore concerning the setting up of the satellite downlink facilities. These authorities may include but not limited to Development Control Division of Urban Redevelopment Authority (URA) and Building Control Division of Building & Construction Authority (BCA).

10 APPLICATION PROCEDURE

10.1 Interested parties who wish to apply for the licence should submit their application in writing together with the following documents via email to FSO@mda.gov.sg:

10.1.1 Business Information

- (a) A copy of the Business Registration Certificate from the Accounting & Corporate Regulatory Authority in Singapore;
- (b) A description of the applicant's business or operations;
- (c) Detailed description of services and type of signals to be downlinked; and
- (d) Name(s) of satellites to be accessed.

10.1.2 Technical and Operation Information

- (a) List of satellite television/radio programmes as well as their corresponding satellite names to be received, and purpose(s) of reception of the said satellite television/radio programmes;
- (b) Location of satellite downlinking facility/system to be installed (NB: The Licensee shall not install and operate the system in a residential zone); and
- (c) Location of satellite downlinking facility/system output/receive points.

Notes:

- 1** This document has no legal standing and is not intended as a substitute for legal advice. While every effort has been made to provide an accurate and authoritative account of the licensing regime, the licence(s) to be granted to successful applicants will be the complete authoritative text.
- 2** The information contained in this document is intended to assist interested parties in applying for the relevant licences. It does not bind IMDA to any particular course of action in relation to the handling of any application, or to the terms of any licence to be granted, or to grant any licence to any party. IMDA reserves the right to change its policies and/or to amend this document without prior notice.
- 3** The grant of a licence is at the sole discretion of IMDA. IMDA reserves the right not to accept any application submitted. IMDA will undertake to explain to the applicant concerned, on the applicant's request, why the applicant is unsuccessful in its application for a licence.
- 4** IMDA reserves the right to disclose the identities of parties who have submitted applications. All other information received will be treated in confidence.

**CONDITIONS FOR INSTALLATION OF
WEATHER SATELLITE INFORMATION RECEIVING SYSTEM**

- 1 Notwithstanding the access to weather satellite cloud imageries, the Licensee shall not, whether by themselves or through any agent or otherwise, attempt to publicly provide services to issue or facilitate the issuing of any public notice, warnings and/or forecasts pertaining to weather or meteorological conditions which may reasonably be expected to affect in any way, including, but not limited to, the integrity and safety of life and property in the country, or land, air and sea operations in the region, without prior approval of IMDA.
- 2 The Licensee recognises that sole authority for issuing any form of public notice, warning, and/or forecasts on weather or meteorological conditions lies with the Meteorological Services of the Government of Singapore
- 3 The Licensee shall be wholly responsible for all consequential damages of any kind, including damage to property and/or injury to persons, arising out of or in connection with any act, default or omission of the Licensee, their servants or agents, in breach of this licence condition, and shall indemnify IMDA for any cost, expenses or damages of any kind which it may incur by reason of any such act, default or omission.
- 4 IMDA shall, notwithstanding the issue of any licence, not be held responsible in any way for any consequential damages incurred by any person in relation to the licence issued to the licensee.