

L.N. 43 of 1993

TELEMALTA CORPORATION ACT
(Cap. 250)

Telephone Service (Amendment) Regulations, 1993

IN exercise of the powers conferred by section 37 of the Telemalta Corporation Act, the Board, with the approval of the Minister for Transport and Communications and with the concurrence of the Minister of Finance, has made the following regulations:—

Citation and
commencement.

L.N. 47 of 1972.

1. (1) These regulations may be cited as the Telephone Service (Amendment) Regulations, 1993, and shall be read and construed as one with the Telephone Service Regulations, 1972, hereinafter referred to as “the principal regulations”.

(2) These regulations shall be deemed to have come into force on the 3rd December, 1991.

Substitutes
regulation 2 of the
principal
regulations.

2. For regulation 2 of the principal regulations there shall be substituted the following:

“Interp-
retation.

2. In these regulations, unless the context otherwise requires:—

“access equipment” means the apparatus and access line/s installed at the subscriber’s premises to provide intercommunication between the subscriber’s data terminal equipment (DTE) and the Digital Data Network;

“access line” means a physical pair of lines (working or spare) connecting the apparatus at the subscriber’s premises to a Telemalta Corporation site for providing one or more point-to-point digital data circuits;

“agreement” means an agreement made by the Chairman, Telemalta Corporation with any person for the provision of telephone service under these regulations;

“bit/s” or “bits per second” means the rate of transfer of all information, once it has been converted into binary code;

“call forwarding” means call transfer from one phone to another;

“call office” means a telephone service made available by the Chairman, Telemalta Corporation to the public for the purpose of sending and receiving telephonic messages and includes any building or part of a building housing such service;

“call waiting” means signal given to subscriber of another incoming call;

“Chairman, Telemalta Corporation” includes any officer of the Telemalta Corporation authorised by the Chairman, Telemalta Corporation to act on his behalf;

“coin box line” means an exchange line in respect of calls for which the Chairman, Telemalta Corporation requires a sum of money to be placed in a coin collecting box provided by him;

“common equipment” means the part of the subscriber’s multiplexer (S-MUX) which provides the functions not performed by the high speed modem and the low speed channels;

“conference call” means simultaneous conversation between three persons;

“cordless telephone” means a telephone terminal connected to an exchange line or an extension line and integrated with or accompanied by a normal telephone set; it consists of two parts which are connected by a radio link; a fixed part and a portable part, permitting the same basic functions as a normal telephone set within a limited area around the fixed part;

“CUG” or “Closed User Group” means the facility which allows subscribers who are members of the group to intercommunicate freely across the Packet Switching Network, but bars all other calls to or from the group;

“Data Terminal Equipment (DTE)”, with reference to the Digital Data Network, means the subscriber’s equipment or apparatus connected to a point-to-point digital data circuit;

“dial-up access” means using a telephone and the Public Switched Telephone Network to gain access to the PAD in the Packet Switching Network;

“Digital Data Network” means the transmission equipment provided by Telemalta Corporation, both at the subscriber’s premises and at its own sites, used to provide point-to-point digital data circuits;

“disabled applicant” means a person suffering from hearing, sight, voice or dexterity impairment;

“exchange line” means a circuit provided as part of an installation for the purpose of keeping that installation in connection with a telephone exchange;

“external extension” means an extension other than an internal extension;

“high speed modem” means the part of the subscriber’s multiplexer (S-MUX) which transfers data at high speed between the S-MUX and the rest of the Digital Data Network;

“high speed NTU” means an NTU which can transfer data at a higher speed than that of a low speed NTU;

“hot line” means point-to-point line, which is activated if a subscriber does not dial a telephone number within a few seconds;

“house exchange system” means an installation comprising a number of stations each capable of being telephonically connected with the others or with an exchange line by the operation of press buttons and includes any special extension provided as part thereof;

“installation” means equipment or apparatus provided by the Chairman, Telemalta Corporation to a subscriber as a means of telephone communication wholly or in part through the medium of the public telephone system, and includes any subsidiary or relative equipment or apparatus;

“internal extension” means an extension connecting points in a self contained premises within the same building or within two or more separate buildings connected together by means of a tunnel or other covered means of access;

“leased line” means a point-to-point line when the terminal equipment is provided and maintained by the subscriber or when telex and/or telegraphic equipment is terminated on it;

“logical channel” means an apparently continuous path of communication to or from a packet mode terminal whereby the number of simultaneous communications possible on that terminal is the same as the number of logical channels;

“low speed channel” means the part of the subscriber’s multiplexer (S-MUX) which terminates one point-to-point digital data circuit to the subscriber’s data terminal equipment (DTE);

“low speed NTU” means an NTU with a maximum speed of 9600 bit/s;

“modem” means a device required to convert the signals from a terminal into a form which may be transmitted or received across a speech quality line;

“network usage” means the fixed allocation of a portion of the Digital Data Network to a point-to-point digital data circuit;

“NTU” or “Network Terminating Unit” means a device provided by Telemalta Corporation and installed at the subscriber’s premises which terminates one point-to-point digital data circuit and converts signals from a subscriber’s data terminal equipment (DTE) into a form which may be transmitted over an access line;

“NUA” or “Network User Address” means a unique numerical code by which each terminal on the Packet Switching Network is identified;

“NUI” or “Network User Identification” means a network user identification code allocated to dial-up access subscribers, the code having to be quoted on each occasion before calls may be made;

“octet” means 8 consecutive bits of user data, such as character;

“packet” means a group of binary digits, including data and call control signals, which is switched as a composite whole, the data, call control signals and possibly error control information being arranged in a specified format;

“PAD” or “Packet Assembly/Disassembly” means an apparatus whose function is to permit non-packet mode terminals to exchange data in the packet mode;

“permanent virtual circuit” means a permanent association existing between two data terminals, no call set-up or clearing procedure being possible or necessary;

“person” includes any body corporate and any body of persons whether having a legal personality distinct from that of its members or not;

“point-to-point digital data circuit” means a fixed point-to-point connection for the purpose of transmitting data signals over the Digital Data Network;

“port” means the point at which signals from a terminal enter and leave the PAD of the Packet Switching Network; as also applying to communication processors generally;

“private branch exchange” means switching apparatus designed to provide intercommunication between extensions connected with that apparatus and

between these extensions and exchange lines, but does not include a house exchange system;

“private manual branch exchange” means a private branch exchange the whole of which is manually operated;

“rentals” means any charge in respect of any installation or leased line, which is fixed by or under these regulations or by agreement, as the case may be, and which is payable periodically;

“segment” means the unit used for charging for the volume of information transmitted in a packet-switched service, one segment being 0-64 octets of data;

“station”, in relation to a house exchange system, means a telephone capable of being connected with any of the other telephones comprised in the system or with an exchange line by the operation of press buttons;

“subscriber” means a person on whose application the Chairman, Telemalta Corporation provides telephone service by means of an installation under these regulations or under an agreement;

“subscriber multiplexer (S-MUX)” means a device provided by Telemalta Corporation and installed at the subscriber’s premises which terminates multiple point-to-point digital data circuits and converts signals from a subscriber’s data terminal equipment (DTE) into a form which may be transmitted over an access line;

“subscriber’s premises” means any premises in or on which an installation or a part of an installation is situated being either premises in the possession, occupation or direct control of the person who is the subscriber in respect of the installation or of a person for whose use the installation or part thereof is provided on the application of the subscriber, or premises connected telephonically with such premises as aforesaid by reason of an extension;

“synchronous/asynchronous converter” means a device installed in a low speed NTU or an S-MUX low speed channel which enables the NTU or S-MUX low speed channel to transfer asynchronous data between the subscriber’s data terminal equipment (DTE) and the Digital Data Network;

“telecare unit” means a telephone alarm system consisting of a special telephone set with a sensitive microphone and loudspeaker, and a remote control (pendant) with or without an active cord, enabling direct access to a specialised control centre;

“telephone exchange” means switching equipment or apparatus which forms part of the public telephone system and includes the building or vehicle housing such equipment or apparatus;

“telephone service” means the enjoyment of means of telephonic communication;

“terminal”, with reference to the Packet Switching Service, means a remote data input/output device that can be connected to the Packet Switching Network;

“virtual circuit” means an apparent communications channel between two terminals; in the packet mode of operation, the period of communication between the two terminals is determined from the time of the call set-up procedure to the call clearing procedure;

“X25 Terminal subscriber” means a subscriber equipped with a terminal which is capable of forming its own packets and interacting directly with the network;

“X28 Terminal subscriber” means a subscriber equipped with a terminal which is only capable of sending and receiving characters and thus requires assistance from a PAD in order to assemble and disassemble packets.”.

3. Immediately after the Eighth Schedule to the principal regulations there shall be added the following new Schedule:—

Adds Ninth Schedule to the principal regulations.

“NINTH SCHEDULE

Charges for Digital Data Network Services

	Lm	c	m
1. Installation Charges			
For each access line installed at subscriber's premises	30.00	0	
2. Access Equipment Charges (rates per annum)			
(a) Access Line	30.00	0	
(b) Low Speed N.T.U.			
1200/2400 bit/s	80.00	0	
4800 bit/s	160.00	0	
9600 bit/s	280.00	0	

	Lm	c	m
(c) Subscriber Multiplexer (S-MUX)			
(i) Common Equipment	460.00,0		
(ii) High Speed Modem (if used)	200.00,0		
(iii) Per low speed channel:			
1200/2400 bit/s	15.00,0		
4800 bit/s	25.00,0		
9600 bit/s	45.00,0		
(d) Synchronous/Asynchronous Converter	10.00,0		
(e) High Speed N.T.U. 64 Kbit/s	310.00,0		
3. Network Usage Charges			
(rates per annum applicable on a per circuit basis)			
(a) N.T.U. or S-MUX Connections			
1200 bit/s	100.00,0		
2400 bit/s	100.00,0		
4800 bit/s	200.00,0		
9600 bit/s	360.00,0		
64 Kbit/s	2300.00,0.		
(b) Modem Connections			
Connection of modem to the Digital Data Network	764.00.0."		