

CONSULTATION DOCUMENT

**Recommendation of the
Eastern Caribbean Telecommunications Authority (ECTEL)
To the National Telecommunications Regulatory Commissions to consult
Recommendations of ECTEL on**

- (1) Revised Draft Electronic Communications Bill (EC Bill)**
- (2) Proposed New Licence Template for implementation with the Electronic Communications Bill;**
- (3) Proposed New Licence application form for implementation with the Electronic Communications Bill; and**
- (4) Recommendation of ECTEL on a New Licencing Regime for implementation with the Electronic Communications Bill**

October 2015

1. The National Telecommunications Regulatory Commission is in receipt of the following submissions from ECTEL to consult on
 - a. Revised Draft EC Bill
 - b. Proposed New Licence Template for implementation with the EC Bill;
 - c. Proposed New Licence application form for implementation with the EC Bill; and
 - d. Recommendations of ECTEL on a New Licencing Regime for Implementation with the EC Bill.
2. A copy of the draft Recommendations on (a) Revised Draft EC Bill (b) Proposed New Licence Template for implementation with the EC Bill; (c) Proposed New Licence application form for implementation with the EC Bill; and (d) Recommendations of ECTEL on a New Licencing Regime for Implementation with the EC Bill is attached.
3. The comments period will run from **Monday 12th October 2015 – Wednesday 11th November 2015.**
4. The Comment on Comments period will run from **Monday 16th November to Friday 27th November 2015.**
5. Following the Reply Comments period, ECTEL's Directorate will revise and submit the EC Bill, Licence Template and Licence Application form to the ECTEL Council of Ministers for its recommendation for adoption in the ECTEL Member States.

All responses to this Consultative Document should be written and sent by fax or e-mail to: -

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SUGGESTED GUIDELINES FOR RESPONSES TO CONSULTATION

In order to reduce administrative lags in ECTEL's public consultation processes and to enable a reasonable degree of transparency by sharing of views submitted, ECTEL hereby recommends that parties desirous of making contributions to the attached consultation follow the procedures outlined below.

- 1) Responses to consultations should be clearly labeled as a response to the particular ECTEL consultation and correctly referenced by title.
- 2) Documents should contain; the Name of Party/Licensee/NTRC commenting, address and telephone, fax number and email contacts of commentary author or corporate officer(s) responsible for the document. This information will enable ECTEL to clarify any comments where necessary, or to facilitate follow-up dialog by ECTEL where required.
- 3) Where specific recommendations require it, commenting parties should indicate clearly via a "Yes" or "No" response, whether they concur or disagree with the recommendation and provide explanations/reasons for each response.
- 4) Where parties have no view or interest in expressing a view on a specific recommendation, parties should indicate "no comment" and number appropriately.
- 5) Responses/comments to specific recommendations should be double spaced and numbered in sequence with the recommendation. Where comments are extensive, paragraphs should be numbered. Pages should be numbered.
- 6) Commenting parties should avoid making comments in the form of tracked changes to consultation documents.
- 7) Where possible, comment documents should be submitted in PDF format.
- 8) Where possible, parties should make explicit reference to academic articles, legislative provisions in other jurisdictions, or other sources relied on, and should provide copies of these together with comments. Accurate citations of resources relied on will suffice if copies cannot be provided.
- 9) If relevant, parties commenting on specific provisions of legal language should propose alternative language where possible. Such language should be appropriately highlighted and double spaced. Parties should avoid proposing alternative language in tracked changes to the consultation document.
- 10) Comments may be submitted via letter, e-mail or fax, but should be submitted via one method only. Only comments submitted via e-mail may be acknowledged.

- 11) Commenting parties should expressly indicate or highlight which parts of comment documents contain commercially sensitive or confidential information that should not be published.

ECTEL reserves the right to publish all the responses received to the consultation and provides no undertakings to refuse to publish such comments where requested, on its website or otherwise.

ECTEL is grateful to those parties adopting the recommended guidelines for submitting comments to this consultation.