



Telecommunications Regulatory Commission Notice of Public Consultation on a Type Approval Regulatory Framework

TAKE NOTICE THAT:

The Commission is the statutory body with responsibility for the development and regulation of the telecommunications services industry.

As part of this mandate and specifically as it relates to Equipment Type Approval and other telecommunications equipment, the Commission is obliged to ensure terminal equipment that is otherwise sold in the Virgin Islands (hereafter: 'VI') is safe for users and complies with regulatory and adopted technical standards in accordance with section 42 of the Telecommunications Act, 2006. It is therefore necessary for equipment that are destined for the VI to support the wider Commission objectives in the enhancement of telecommunications services.

Based on the above, it is the Commission's aim to have a developed framework that will be in the form of a Telecommunications Code to govern the Equipment Type Approval regime in the Virgin Islands.

The Commission shall, at least fourteen (14) days before the commencement of the consultation, publish notice of same on the Commission's website and in a newspaper published and circulated in the Virgin Islands.

TAKE FURTHER NOTICE THAT:

The Commission shall commence a public consultation on the Type Approval Regulatory Framework (hereafter: "TARF") 14 March 2022. In accordance with Part II, section 7(2) of the Telecommunications Code and (Part 1) (Public Consultations and Public Hearings) Guidelines, 2010, responses to the public consultation shall be due 28 days from the date of publication of the consultation document.

The public consultation document on the TARF includes the objectives of the TARF, its structure and consultation questions.

The responses of the public will be used as input for the drafting process of a detailed TARF which will have the form of a Telecommunications Code. This draft Telecommunications Code will also be consulted.