Telecommunications Regulatory Commission

Notice of Public Consultation (Second) on a Type Approval Regulatory Framework

TAKE NOTICE THAT:

The Commission is a statutory body with responsibility for the development and regulation of the telecommunications service industry in the Virgin Islands.

In March 2022 the Commission conducted its first round of consultation on the Type Approval Regulatory Framework (TARF). This consultation solicited input from the public (including network and service providers) on the Commission's principal approach to the development of an Equipment Type Approval code that will regulate electronic, electrical, and radio equipment that are destined for the Virgin Islands (section 42 of the Telecommunications Act 2006).

The first round of consultation has been completed, and with the feedback received the Commission has now developed the draft TARF code and is now seeking further public comments. This consultation will now be the second and final consultation, and the aim is to finalise the TARF.

Based on the above, it is the Commission's overall objective to have a finalized Telecommunications Code to govern the Equipment Type Approval regime in the Virgin Islands.

The consultation will be open to the public as we seek to receive views from all interested stakeholders, citizens and businesses of 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 (www.trc.vg) 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 code commencing 19 January 2023. 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.

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