

Liberia Telecommunications Authority

Notice



The Liberia Telecommunications Authority (LTA) publishes this Notice pursuant to the Guidelines for Consultation Process to Develop Regulations, 2009 and specifically in terms of Part VII of the Telecommunications Act, 2007.

Section 11 (1) (m) of the Telecommunications Act 2007 (the “Act”) authorizes the Liberia Telecommunications Authority (“LTA”) to institute and maintain appropriate measures for the purpose of preventing service providers from engaging in or continuing anti-competitive practices, including the identification of telecommunications markets, determining dominance and abuse of dominance in identified telecommunications markets and responding to anti-competitive agreements.

In pursuit of its functions and duties, the LTA announces its intention to consult on the reports produced by its consultants concerning:

1. **Competition Guidelines** setting out the principles and procedures which the LTA will follow in reviewing the competitive conditions within any telecommunications market segment in Liberia and providing guidance on how the LTA will implement Part VII of the Act;
2. **Competition Regulations** to augment the existing Regulations for the Treatment of Confidentiality, Dispute Resolution, Compliance and Enforcement 2009 (LTA-REG-0002) by establishing additional procedures for interactions between and among LTA, service providers and other stakeholders in the telecommunications sector that will apply to the conduct of the LTA in competition-related proceedings;
3. **Guidelines for Imputation Tests** setting out the principles and procedures the LTA will follow in determining whether a vertically integrated service provider is dominant in upstream markets, and setting out the methodology to be applied for Imputation Testing;
4. **Consultation Document on the Definition of Relevant Telecommunications Markets** defining and designating certain retail and wholesale telecommunications markets to be susceptible to ex-ante regulation.

LTA encourages the public to express their views on the important matters raised in these reports including on the methodologies to be used to determine relevant markets, to conduct imputation tests, and the handling of competition-related matters. On June 2, 2016, the above documents will be published on Emansion.gov.lr and on the LTA website (www.lta.gov.lr) for consultation; and the LTA invites all interested parties to return their written comments and other inputs to LTA within the period and in the manner stipulated below:

Hand Delivery to: LTA Competition Consultation
Building D-168
Congotown Back Road
Monrovia, Liberia

Email to: info@lta.gov.lr

The deadline for receipt of all comments and inputs is Thursday, June 9, 2016, at 16:00 hours.

Hard copies may be obtained (subject to payment of printing costs) from the LTA’s offices at Building D-168, Congotown Back Road, Monrovia, Liberia. The outcome of the consultation will be the final form of the above Guidelines and Regulations, and appropriate Orders will be subsequently issued by the LTA.

For further information, please write to: info2016@lta.gov.lr