How to Keep Yourself Informed of the Most Up-To-Date Technical Specifications Prescribed by the Communications Authority

Introduction

From time to time, the Communications Authority (CA)¹ consults with the industry on various telecommunications standardisation matters and issues new technical specifications² to facilitate network interconnection among operators or service provisioning to customers. Besides, technical specifications will also be revised from time to time to reflect changes in regulatory and technical requirements, equipment certification requirement, or to include editorial amendments etc. In general, all new and revised technical documents and specifications are posted onto OFCA's website (http://www.ofca.gov.hk) for implementation by the licensees concerned or reference by interested parties.

Email Notification Service

2. Under the existing arrangement, any licensees or interested parties who want to receive notification on the issue of new/revised technical specifications by the CA may subscribe to OFCA's e-mailing list of "What's New". Notification will then be automatically sent to each subscribed licensee or party whenever there is new information published under OFCA's "What's New" web page.

3. OFCA would encourage licensees to subscribe to this e-mail notification service if they want to be kept informed of OFCA's most up-to-date release of technical specifications.

4. It should be noted that OFCA's e-mail notification service merely serves as an ancillary means to help licensees fulfill their obligations by keeping them informed of the latest release of technical specifications.

¹ Pursuant to the Communications Authority Ordinance (Cap. 616), with effect from 1 April 2012, all duties and powers of the Telecommunications Authority (TA) are conferred on the Communications Authority (CA), and all duties and powers of the Office of the Telecommunications Authority (OFTA) are conferred on the Office of the Communications Authority (OFCA), the executive arm of the CA.

² Before the establishment of the CA on 1 April 2012, the specifications prescribed by the TA were named as HKTA specifications. From 1 April 2012 onward, revised versions of existing HKTA specifications and new specifications prescribed by the CA will be named as HKCA specifications. For the avoidance of doubt, unless the specific issue number of the HKTA specification is explicitly specified, reference in any document to HKTA specification shall be construed as including reference in any document to HKCA specification shall be construed as including. In addition, reference in any document to HKCA specification shall be construed as referring to the corresponding HKTA specification if the HKCA specification under reference is not yet present.

How to subscribe to OFCA's e-mailing list?

5. Subscription to OFCA's e-mailing list can be made online at <u>http://www.ofca.gov.hk/en/electronic_services/enews/index.html</u> of OFCA's website.

How to obtain additional information?

6. Additional information may be obtained from:

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