

**Commencement of New Term of  
Assignment of Spectrum in the 1800 MHz Band  
for the Provision of Public Telecommunications Services**

**NOTICE**

The Office of the Communications Authority (“OFCA”) announces that spectrum handover among mobile network operators (“MNOs”) was successfully completed on 30 September 2021 to effect the re-assignment of a total of 150 MHz of spectrum in the 1800 MHz band (i.e. 1710 – 1785 MHz band paired with 1805 – 1880 MHz band) (the “Spectrum”).

In December 2017, the Communications Authority decided to re-assign the Spectrum through hybrid administratively-assigned cum market-based approach after two rounds of public consultation on the arrangements for re-assignment of the Spectrum upon expiry of the assignment term on 29 September 2021. Under the hybrid approach, each of the four incumbent MNOs, namely China Mobile Hong Kong Company Limited, Hong Kong Telecommunications (HKT) Limited, Hutchison Telephone Company Limited and SmarTone Mobile Communications Limited, accepted the offer of a right of first refusal for the re-assignment of 20 MHz of the Spectrum in September 2018. Auction of the remaining 70 MHz of the Spectrum was successfully completed in December 2018, resulting in part of the Spectrum changing hands upon commencement of the new term of assignment to the four MNOs. In May 2019, OFCA set up a technical working group engaging all the MNOs concerned to identify and complete the technical works necessary for the spectrum handover. Through the efforts of the technical working group, the handover has been smoothly implemented to ensure the continuous provision of public mobile services using the Spectrum.

The new assignment term of the Spectrum commenced on 30 September 2021 for a 15-year period until 29 September 2036.

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