RADIO SPECTRUM AND TECHNICAL STANDARDS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Minutes of the Twenty-fifth Meeting held at 2:30 p.m., Thursday, 16 December 2021 in Conference Room 2020, Wu Chung House, Wan Chai

Present in person

Mr C K Cheng Chairman (OFCA staff)

Mr Carlson Chu Representative of PCCW Media Limited / HK Television

Entertainment Limited

Mr C Y Ho Representative of Civil Aviation Department
Mr H C Hung Representative of carrier licensees not providing

domestic retail fixed services as a group

Mr W K Shiu Representative of the Hong Kong Police Force

Mr Toby Yuen Representative of the Independent Commission Against

Corruption

Mr Alex Tang Secretary (OFCA staff)

Present online

Mr Henry Chan Representative of Hutchison Telephone Company

Limited / Genius Brand Limited

Ir John Chan

Representative of the Hong Kong Institution of Engineers

Mr K K Cheung

Representative of external fixed carrier/unified carrier

(external fixed services) licensees as a group and carrier licensees not providing domestic retail fixed services as a

group

Prof L Dai Member appointed on an Ad Personam basis

Mr David Ho Representative of China Mobile Hong Kong Company

Limited

Mr S M Ko Representative of Metro Broadcast Corporation Limited

Mr Garry Kum Representative of Television Broadcasts Limited

Mr Allan Kwan Representative of PCCW Media Limited / HK Television

Entertainment Limited

Dr Keith Kwok Representative of Consumer Council

Mr Voller Lam Representative of HGC Global Communications Limited

Mr W T Lam
Representative of Hong Kong Productivity Council
Representative of SmarTone Mobile Communications

Limited / SmarTone Communications Limited

Mr K H Lau Representative of Civil Aviation Department

Mr Roy Law Representative of local industry associations as a group

Mr Larry Lee Representative of Hong Kong Cable Television Limited /

Fantastic Television Limited

Mr Michael Lee Representative of EU ICT Council in Hong Kong and

Macau

Dr Tony Lee Representative of the Institution of Engineering and

Technology Hong Kong

Mr Y K Lee Representative of Hong Kong Telecommunications

(HKT) Limited / PCCW-HKT Telephone Limited and Hong Kong Telecommunications (HKT) Limited /

PCCW Global (HK) Limited

Mr Gary Li Representative of local certification bodies as a group

Mr George Mak Representative of Consumer Council

Mr Karson Ng Representative of carrier licensees not providing

domestic retail fixed services as a group

Mr Silas Ng Representative of services-based operator licensees

(MVNO and ETS operators only) as a group

Mr Jordan Ngan Representative of Radio Television Hong Kong

Mr J Su Representative of APT Satellite Company Limited Dr Jonathan Tang Representative of Hong Kong Productivity Council

Dr Jonathan Tang
Mr Raymond Tang
Ms Vicky Wong
Representative of Hong Kong Productivity Council
Representative of ComNet Telecom HK Limited
Representative of Asia Satellite Telecommunications

Company Limited ("AsiaSat")

Mr Sheldon Yau Representative of Hong Kong Telecommunications

(HKT) Limited / PCCW-HKT Telephone Limited and Hong Kong Telecommunications (HKT) Limited /

PCCW Global (HK) Limited

Dr R Zhang Representative of AsiaSat

Absent with Apologies

Mr Desmond Chan Representative of Hong Kong Broadband Network

Limited / HKBN Enterprise Solutions Limited / HKBN

Enterprise Solutions HK Limited

Mr S P Chan Ad Personam

Mr Y H Chan Representative of AsiaSat

Ir K F Mak Representative of the Hong Kong Police Force

Mr Johnny Siu Representative of amateur radio societies as a group Dr K F Tsang Representative of the Institution of Engineering and

Technology Hong Kong

Mr Henry Wang Representative of Localised Wireless Broadband Service

/ Pubic Radiocommunications Service / Wireless Internet

of Things licensees as a group

In Attendance in person

Mr Tony Yip	OFCA staff
Mr C H Chan	OFCA staff
Mr Roger Chan	OFCA staff
Mr Charles Chow	OFCA staff
Mr W L Chung	OFCA staff
Mr Ray Ng	OFCA staff
Mr Ken Sit	OFCA staff
Mr Jack Yip	OFCA staff

Observer in person

Mr K H Yip Representative of Airport Authority Hong Kong

Observer online

Mr Eric Hui Representative of TraxComm Limited

The Chairman introduced Prof. Dai, a new Ad Personam member, and welcomed all participants attending the 25th meeting either in person or online.

Agenda Item 1: Matters Arising

2. <u>The Secretary</u> reported that there was no matter arising from the previous meeting.

Agenda Item 2: Brief on Hong Kong Telecommunications Equipment Evaluation and Certificate (HKTEC) Scheme (SSAC Paper No. 4/2021)

- 3. <u>Mr Charles Chow</u> introduced SSAC Paper No. 4/2021 about the HKTEC Scheme.
- 4. The Chairman said that SSAC Paper No. 4/2021 aimed to refresh Members on the arrangement for equipment certification and labelling. Meanwhile, OFCA was conducting a public consultation for the creation of a new class licence for regulating the use of and trade in wireless local areas network devices operating in the 5925 6425 MHz band ("6 GHz devices"), among others. The consultation paper provided the background and rationale for a proposal on compulsory certification and labelling of 6 GHz devices. The Chairman highlighted that while the responsibility for certification and labelling of devices should rest on manufacturers, suppliers or traders as appropriate, after

creation of the aforesaid class licence, OFCA would conduct public education campaigns with a view to assisting consumers to identify and choose compliant 6 GHz devices.

Agenda Item 3: Proposed Revision to HKCA 1001, HKCA 1052 and HKCA 2001 (SSAC Paper No. 5/2021)

- 5. Mr Jack Yip introduced SSAC Paper No. 5/2021 about the adoption of the revised HKCA 1001, HKCA 1052 and HKCA 2001 specifications, in which the electrical safety requirements for telecommunications equipment had been removed as a result of the passage of the Telecommunications (Amendment) Bill 2021 ("Amendment Bill").
- 6. <u>The Chairman</u> said that SSAC discussed revision to HKCA 2001 in the 23rd meeting in October 2020 where OFCA also foreshadowed the need for further revision of HKCA 2001. The proposed revision to HKCA 1001, HKCA 1052 and HKCA 2001 specifications as detailed in SSAC Paper No. 5/2021 aimed to align with the Amendment Bill. <u>The Chairman</u> invited Members to provide comments, if any, in this regard to the Secretary by 30 December 2021.

Agenda Item 4: Overview of Spectrum Allocation for Fixed Links in Hong Kong (SSAC Paper No. 6/2021)

- 7. <u>Mr Ray Ng</u> introduced SSAC Paper 6/2021 which gave an overview on spectrum allocations for fixed links in Hong Kong.
- 8. The Chairman said that, following the advice of the previous SSAC meetings, it had been an established practice of OFCA to assign low frequency for long haul links, and high frequency for short haul links otherwise. Meanwhile, the coming World Radiocommunications Conference to be held in 2023 ("WRC-23") would deliberate the identification of the 6425 7125 MHz band for the fifth generation mobile ("5G") services. In order to make available the aforesaid band, or parts thereof, for 5G services as soon as WRC-23 would make the decision, OFCA would reach out to the concerned users with a view to timely relocating the affected fixed links to other suitable bands. The Chairman said that if there were demands or requirement to use a new band for fixed links, say the 80 GHz band as deliberated in previous SSAC meetings, Members were welcome to raise a proposal for discussion.

Agenda Item 5: Any Other Business

- 9. The Secretary said that the public consultation for "Creation of a Class Licence for Regulating the Use of and Trade in 6 GHz Devices for Wireless Local Area Network and Variation to the Class Licence for Provision of Public Wireless Local Area Network Services" was in progress until 24 December 2021. While Members had been informed of the conduction of the said consultation, he said that interested Members could send inputs in response to the consultation to the addresses specified in the consultation paper on or before the deadline, i.e. 24 December 2021.
- 10. There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:35 p.m..

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