Telecommunication Development Bureau



ITU SURVEY ON TARIFF POLICIES 2012

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Several possible replies

Only one possible reply

When you see these boxes, click the response you wish. If you select the wrong box, you may deselect it by just clicking again on the box. Please remember that the Radio button means only one possible response. This questionnaire is addressed to National Regulatory Authorities only, and should be returned no later *than 30 November 2012* to:

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You will find more information, as well as the electronic version of this survey at: <u>www.itu.int/ITU-D/finance/work-cost-tariffs/sg1/2008/index.html</u>. Thank you for your cooperation.

Country:

Date of response:

on 1: Contact Info	n 1: Contact Information					
	Person completing the questionnaire					
Mr/Ms.:						
Family name:						
First name:						
Title:						
Organization:						
Address:						
City:						
WEB Address:						
Telephone:						
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E-mail:						

No	Question	Possible answe	rs	
Sect	ion 2: Telecommunication ser	rvices	1	
			With price control	Without price control
2.1	Please indicate which <u>retail</u> telecommunication services provided in your country are subject to price control and which are not?	 Fixed communications: 1. Access to network (monthly line rental/ subscription fee) 2. Local voice services 3. National long distance voice services 4. International voice services 5. IP telephony 6. Internet access (Internet connection) & data services 7. Provision of links (leased lines) 		
		 8. Other, please specify: Mobile communications: 		
		 9. Access to network (monthly subscription fee) 10. Voice services 11. SMS 12. National roaming (voice, sms) 13. International roaming (voice, sms) 14. Internet access (Internet connection) & data services 15. Data roaming (Internet connection) 16. IP telephony 17. Other, please specify: 		
		 Broadcasting services: 18. IPTV 19. Mobile TV 20. Terrestrial TV 21. Cable TV 22. Satellite TV 23. Other, please specify: 		

No	Question		Possible answers					
						With price control	Without price control	
2.2	Please indicate, whic wholesale telecomm services provided in	unication	1. 1	Interconnection: 1.1. Fixed origina	ation			
	country are subject to	o price		1.2. Fixed termin	ation			
	control and which are	e not?		1.3. Mobile origi				
				1.4. Mobile term				
			2. 1	National wholesal	e voice roaming			
			3.	International who	lesale voice roaming			
			4.	Unbundled local l	oop (ULL)			
			5.	Wholesale broadb access	and access/ bistream			
			6.	Wholesale line rei	ntal			
			7.	Wholesale leased	lines			
			8. Access to Internet exchange points (IXPs)					
			9. Access to international gateways					
			10.	Other, please spec	eify:			
Sect	ion 3: Cost and tari	ff models						
3.1	Do you use a Cost M determine prices of r services?		 1. Yes 2. No (If not, please go to Question 3.3) 					
3.2	Please indicate the ty	pe of costs of	on w	which it is based				
		Historical co	osts	Current Costs		Other		
	Traditional Retail services		Please specify:		Please specify:			
	Traditional Wholesale services				Please specify:			
	Advanced Retail services*				Please specify:			
	Advanced Wholesale services*				Please specify:			

3.3	How are the	Price ceiling set by the State	Cost orientation (cost models)	Benchm king of tariffs	ar	Retail minus approach	Rat retu regul	e of urn	Price Cap	Other
	Traditional Retail services									Please specify:
	Traditional Wholesale services									Please specify:
	Advanced Retail services*									Please specify:
	Advanced Wholesale services*									Please specify:
3.4	Which cond	cept do you	use as the l	basis for	calcu	lating tel	ecom	munic	cation se	ervice tariffs?
			Fully distribut (FDC)			Run Increi Costs (LRIC				Other
	Traditional Retail servic	es					,	Plea	se specify	:
	Traditional Wholesale services					Please specify:				
	Advanced Retail servic	es*						Please specify:		:
	Advanced Wholesale se	ervices*						Please specify:		:
3.5	which appr	oach do yo	ou use to cal Top-down	culate telecommunication se Bottom-up Hybrid			Other			
	Traditional Retail servic	es]			Please	e specify:	:
	Traditional Wholesale se	ervices]		Please specify:		e specify:	:
	Advanced Retail servic	es*]			Please specify:		:
	Advanced Wholesale se	ervices*]			Please specify:		:
3.6	Does this co cost account						I			
3.7	Is Accounting Separation applied in your country?			1. In2. Pla3. No	anned	s for the ti	me bei	ng		

Sect	ion 4: Tariff rebalancing of f	ixed telephony services					
4.1	Has your country implemented tariff rebalancing?	 1. Yes 2. No If not, why? 3. Planned 					
4.2	What is the time-period given to fixed line operators for absorbing the access deficit (tariff rebalancing)?	 1. Less than three years 2. Between three and seven 3. Over seven years 4. Not determined 	 2. Between three and seven years 3. Over seven years 				
Sect	ion 5: Interconnection issues						
			LRIC cost model	FDC cost model	Bench marking	Other, please specify:	None
5.1	Which approach do you use to regulate interconnection prices?	 Fixed termination Fixed origination Mobile termination Mobile origination National transit Other, please specify: 					
5.2	How many time bands are used for charging purposes?	 1. One 2. Two 3. Three 4. More than three 		I			<u></u>
5.3	How many national tariff zones are there in your country?	 1. One 2. Two 3. Three 4. More than three 					
5.4 5.4.1	What kind of interconnection charging principle has been adopted by your country? If asymmetric, on what basis is asymmetry decided?	 1. Symmetric 2. A symmetric Please specify: 					
	(E.g. number of subscribers, revenues, universal access policy, etc.)						

5.5	How often are the interconnection charges reviewed?	 1. Quarterly 2. Semi-annually 3. Annually 						
		• 4. Less frequently. Please specify:						
5.6	Which charging regime for interconnection services is applied in your country?	 1. Calling Party's Network Pays (CPNP) 2. Receiving Party's Network Pays (RPNP) 3. Bill and Keep (Sender Keeps All) 4. Other, please specify: 						
5.7	Please indicate currently applicable prices in local currency for the following services in your country (average rate per minute during peak hours, in local currency, VAT excluded):	 Terminating calls on incumbent's fixed network: a. Local level b. Single transit (metropolitan) c. Double transit (national) Terminating calls on other fixed networks: a. Local level b. Single transit (metropolitan) c. Double transit (metropolitan) c. Double transit (metropolitan) d. Single transit (metropolitan) c. Double transit (national) Terminating calls on mobile networks: a. Fixed to mobile b. Mobile to mobile 						
5.7.1	Please indicate the website, where interconnection prices are publicly available	Website: <u>www.</u>						
Sect	ion 6: Taxation of telecommu							
	Under which actors of VAT	Fixed services	Mobile services					
6.1	Under which category of VAT (or other tax) are telecommunication services classified in your country? Please indicate the percentage applying.	O General goods and services % O Luxury goods and services % O Low rate tax % O High rate tax % O Other, please specify:%	O General goods and services % O Luxury goods and services % O Low rate tax % O High rate tax % O Other, please specify:%					
6.1.1	Please indicate the VAT (or other tax) that applies to general goods and services in your country	Goods: % Services: % Others:	%					

		Fixed services	Ma	bile servic	es
6.2	Are specific sector taxes applied to telecommunication services and devices for consumers (if yes please indicate the %)?	 Outgoing international traffic % Incoming international traffic % National communication voice % National communication data % Internet services % End users equipment (handsets, computers, etc.) % Other, please specify: % 	 Incoming int National cor National cor Internet serv End users eq (handsets, comp 	uipment uters, etc.) ming services	ffic % voice % lata % %
6.3	Please indicate if there are any environmental related taxes that apply to telecommunication services?	O Yes O No If yes, please indicate the % applied: Remarks:			
6.4	Are any fees paid by telecom operators related to licenses, spectrum, etc. subject to VAT?	O Yes O No If yes, please indicate the % applied: Remarks:			
6.5	Import duty taxes are applied to Network Equipment and devices (computers, handsets, smartphones, etc.)?	O Yes O No If yes, please specify the % applied: Remarks:			
6.6	In addition to VAT and import duties, do telecom operators need to pay any other special tax for telecommunication equipment (ICT hardware)?	O Yes O No Remarks:			
Secti	on 7: Next Generation Network	s (NGN)			
7.1	Is any operator in your country planning or currently introducing an NGN system? If YES, at what stage are they?	 1.Feasibility study 2. Planning 3. Introduction 4. Implementation 5. No plans to introduce an NGN system 6. Other, please specify: 	em in a short run	1	
7.2	What regulations, if any, govern the use of IP networks?			Voice Service	Data Service
		1. Regulatory arrangements subject to un service obligations.	iversal		
		2. Regulatory interconnection arrangemenetworks using switching circuits.	nts with		
		3. Banning of offer of services based on 1	IP.		
		4. No regulatory arrangements defined at	present.		
		5. Other, please specify:			

7.3	What sources of finance could be used to deploy IP networks?	 1. Operators funds 2. State subsidization 3. Joint venture (private sector and public sector) 4. Financed by a financial institution or private bank 5. Special telecommunications development fund 6. Other, please specify:
7.4	Please indicate the method currently in use or that you plan to use in the future to determine the tariff for NGN Services	 Use the existing cost models Adapt the existing cost models to cater for new technologies Develop new cost models Rely on operators' cost models Other, please specify
7.5	What cost model is used (or planned) to calculate costs/ tariffs of NGN Services?	 I. Fully distributed historical cost model 2. Long run incremental cost model 3. Other, please specify: 4. None
7.6	How are the new services over NGN priced and offered (or planned to be offered) in your country?	 As an integrate package On a flat rate As separate services Other, please specify
7.7	Approximately what percentage of the core infrastructure network is PSTN versus IP based:	PSTN - IP □ 100% - 0% □ 75% - 25% □ 50% - 50% □ 25% - 75% □ 0% - 100%
	ion 8: Infrastructure Sharing	F 5
8.1	Is infrastructure sharing mandated (towers, base stations, posts, ducts, etc.)?	Yes No Remarks:
8.2	Is infrastructure sharing for mobile operators permitted (e.g. Mobile Virtual Network Operators)?	Yes No Remarks:
8.3	Is there a regulatory obligation to share infrastructures, or is it agreed directly between the operators?	 1. Regulatory obligation (mandatory) 2. Agreement between operators 3. None

8.4	Does the infrastructure sharing result in lower prices for end- users?	 I. Yes If YES, please indicate how much (%) 2. No If NO, please indicate reasons: 				
8.5	Is co-location/site sharing mandated?	Yes No Remarks:				
8.6	Please indicate the website, where regulatory obligation on infrastructure sharing is publicly available	www.				
Secti	on 9: International Internet	Connectivity				
9.1	Is the national policy or regulation in your country promoting competition among all service providers for International Internet Connection with focus to reduce connectivity costs?	 Yes No If NO, please indicate reasons: 				
9.1.1	If YES, in which markets?	 National Internet Backbone International Internet Backbone Domestic Internet backhaul Other, please specify: 				
9.2	Is Recommendation ITU-T D.50* International Internet Connectivity (Rev. Johannesburg, 2008) being applied in your country?	 Yes No If NO, please indicate reasons: 				
*this ree	commendation is available at: <u>http://www.itu.</u>	int/ITU-T/recommendations/index_sg.aspx?sg=3				
9.3	What is the type of connection to reach International Internet in your country?	 National Gateway By using IP hub Tier 1 By using IP hub Tier 2 By using IP hub Tier 3 By using IP transit Both by using IP hub and IP transit Direct national connection to international Internet Other, please specify: 				

9.3.1	Which modes of connectivity is being used?	 submarine cable Satellite Other, please specify:
9.3.2	Do you have a landing point for submarine cable?	Yes No Remarks:
9.3.3	How many landing points?	points.
9.3.4	What is the management mode of the landing point(s) in your country?	 Incumbent operator Government Private and Public Partnership (PPP) Other, please specify:
9.4	Please indicate the <u>average</u> <u>wholesale cost</u> per month, per 2 megabit of an International Internet Connection originating from your country to any other country:	 Less than USD20 per megabit per month USD20 - USD40 per megabit per month USD40 - USD60 per megabit per month USD60 - USD80 per megabit per month Above USD80 per megabit per month Other, please specify:
9.5	What is the portion of cost of international Internet connection in the retail Internet access price in your country?	 Above 50% 25% - 50% 10% - 25% Less than 10%
9.6	What steps have you taken to optimize the cost of your International Internet Connections?	 Implementation of an Internet Exchange Point (IXP) Hosting of most frequently visited web sites (e.g. search engines, Data Centers, Content delivery network (CDN), Cash, etc.) Encourage the development of local content Other, please specify:
9.7	Do you expect to establish agreement with other international operators with a view to obtaining lower costs for International Internet Connection?	 Yes No If NO, please indicate reasons:

9.8	What are the reasons for the increase in volume of your International Internet Connections?		oving securit ase penetrati imensioning r, please spec	on				
	on 10: Broadband services p	-						
10.1	Please indicate which broadband services provided in your country are subject to price control and which are not? If subject to price control, in each case please nominate the type of price regulation that is applied:							
		With price control	Without price control	Cost based	Ceiling pricing	Indexed	Bench marks	Other (please specify)
	1. Retail fixed broadband access							
	2. Retail fixed broadband services							
	 Retail fixed broadband applications, including content* 							
	4. Wholesale fixed broadband access							
	5. Wholesale fixed broadband services offered to retail service providers							
	6. Retail mobile broadband access							
	 Retail mobile broadband services 							
	 Retail mobile broadband application including content* 							
	9. Wholesale mobile broadband access							
	10. Wholesale mobile broadband services offered for to retail service providers							
	* It refers to the top of broadband	services, su	ch as IPTV,	VoIP or data	that exceed	ls any downl	oad cap.	
10.2	If cost based is applied, please nominate the cost standard that is applied?	LRIC	Fully distributed costs FDC					

10.3	What aspects of the broadband service affect the retail and wholesale prices for fixed and mobile broadband services?	 Average download capacity Minimum download capacity Upload average capacity Upload minimum capacity Contract duration Download caps (Limits or caps on the amount of data that may be downloaded) Separate prices for services and applications – including content Other, please specify:
10.4	Are operators allowed to bundle the supply of retail broadband access products (e.g. line rental) with other retail telecommunications services (such as telephone calls)?	 Yes No If YES, please explain any restrictions or rules that apply to such bundling
10.5	Are operators allowed to bundle the supply of retail broadband products with the supply of other types of retail communications services (such as telephone calls or subscription television)?	 Yes No If YES, please explain any restrictions or rules that apply to such bundling
10.6	Is the provision of broadband service part of the universal service or universal access scheme in your country?	 Yes No If NO, please indicate reasons:
10.7	Must fixed broadband service providers at retail or wholesale levels adopt uniform or national pricing?	 Yes No If NO, please indicate reasons:
10.8	Must mobile broadband service providers at retail or wholesale levels adopt uniform or national pricing?	 Yes No If NO, please indicate reasons:
10.9	May service providers differentiate in the terms of service (including price) for broadband access and services on the basis of geographic area in which service is delivered?	 Yes No If YES, please indicate how they do so:
	on 11: Mobile Roaming	
11.1	Do you require national roaming agreements between mobile operators?	O Yes O No If no, have mobile operators entered into national roaming agreements? O Yes O No
11.2	What International Mobile	Inbound and outbound voice calls

	Roaming (IMR) services are available in your country?	 Inbound and outbound SMS Data (e.g., MMS, email, mobile browsing, mobil Others, please specify: 	e TV)	
11.3	What is the general trend of the IMR retail price over the past three years in your country?	Voice a) Increasing b) Decreasing c) Stable SMS a) Increasing b) Decreasing c) Stable Data a) Increasing c) Stable Data c) Stable c) Stable		
11.4	Are <u>retail prices</u> of IMR regulated in your country?	 O Yes O No If yes, what kind of regulatory practice is applied? Price Cap Ex ante obligations on operators designate market power Benchmarking of tariffs Others, please specify: 		significant
11.5	Is there regulation on the <u>wholesale price</u> of IMR in your country?	 O Yes O No If yes, what kind of regulatory practice is applied? Price Cap Ex ante obligations on operators designate market power Benchmarking of tariffs Others, please specify: 		significant
11.6	If there is no regulation in place,		Retail	Wholesale
	do you consider that there is a need to regulate the retail or wholesale prices of IMR services?	 There is no need to regulate as industry self- regulation is sufficient. Please explain: 		
		2. There is a need to regulate.Please explain:		
		3. There is a need to regulate through other means.Please explain:		
		4. Others comments, please explain:		
11.7	Do your country's operators	O Yes		

	have taken any measures to reduce the risk of bill shock?	If yes, what kind of measures have been applied? (Please tick all that apply): Home operator sends text messages to inform his customers of their roaming tariffs when they arrive in another country 		
		Mobile operators in the visited country to send SMS with roaming tariffs information to visiting customer (according to roaming agreement between home operator and operators in the visited country)		
		Home operator sends alert SMS to the user informing that he/she is reaching the agreed roaming spending limit		
		Suspending service when usage exceeds the spending limit fixed		
		Other, please specify:		
		O No		
		If not, what kind of measures would you suggest? Mesures		
* Bill shock issue arises when users are not aware of the total roaming prices until the final bill is received and this is more prevalent among postpaid roamers.				