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ICASA publishes its finding in respect of the process undertaken to review the 2014 Call Termination Regulations

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Johannesburg – The Independent Communications Authority of South Africa (ICASA) has published the findings document on the review of the 2014 pro-competitive remedies in accordance with section 67(8) of the Electronic Communications Act of 2005 (ECA).

After careful consideration of all submissions on the questionnaire and subsequent Discussion Document, ICASA has made the following findings:

1. The definitions of Mobile termination markets and Fixed termination markets in terms of regulation 3 of the 2014 Call Termination Regulations remain unchanged with the exception of the exclusion of termination of internationally originated voice calls.
2. Competition in the relevant markets still remain ineffective.
3. Each individual Electronic Communications Network Service licensee and Electronic Communications Service licensee that offers wholesale voice call termination services continue to have Significant Market Power in its own network for wholesale voice call termination.
4. The four market failures as per regulation 7(1) of the 2014 Call Termination Regulations may exist in the absence of regulation.
5. The pro-competitive conditions imposed on licensees in 2014 are still relevant.

ICASA has received requests to extend the current glide path validity period owing to concerns regarding the time required to conduct cost study in order to determine new termination rates for the next three years. ICASA has reviewed these requests and published the amendment to the Call Termination Regulations, 2014 in terms of sections 4(7)(b) and 67(8) of the ECA to extend the current glide path for a further 12 months.

ICASA will publish a briefing note on its website by no later than 30 September 2017 outlining the consultative approach and timeliness to determine new termination rates.

Any queries in relation to this process should be directed to the Chairperson of the Call Termination Council Committee at CTRreview@icasa.org.za.

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