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COMMUNICATIONS AND MULTIMEDIA ACT 1998

MINISTERIAL DIRECTION ON THE SECOND CARRIERS OF THE 700 MHZ AND 3.5 GHZ FREQUENCY BANDS

DIRECTION No. 1 of 2024

In exercise of the powers conferred by section 7 of the Communications and Multimedia Act 1998 [*Act 588*] ("**Act**"), the Minister issues the following Direction to the Commission:

Citation and commencement

1. This Direction may be cited as the **Ministerial Direction on the Second Carriers of the 700 MHz and 3.5 GHz Frequency Bands, Direction No. 1 of 2024** and shall come into operation on the date of registration of this Direction.

Interpretation

2. Any term used in this Direction shall, unless the context otherwise requires, have the same meaning as in the Act or the subsidiary legislations made under it.

Government's Policy on 5G Network Implementation

3. Pursuant to the Cabinet decision on 3 May 2023 and 23 August 2023, the Government of Malaysia has among others, decided for the 5G Single Wholesale Network model to be enhanced and transitioned into a 5G Dual Network model.

4. Based on the aforesaid decision, subject to the provisions of the Act and the relevant subsidiary legislations made under it, the Commission is therefore directed to take the necessary steps to conduct the tender process in respect of the second carriers of the 700 MHz and 3.5 GHz frequency bands i.e. the 723 MHz to 743 MHz paired with 778 MHz to 798 MHz and 3.5 GHz to 3.6 GHz frequency bands. This is for the Commission to assess and evaluate potential deployment plans that may be implemented for the 5G Dual Network model.

5. For the avoidance of doubt, nothing in this Direction shall be construed as revoking the Ministerial Direction on the Deployment of 5G Infrastructure and Network, Direction No. 3 of 2021.

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6. The Minister may at any time, vary, modify or revoke this Direction.

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