

Telecommunications

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**TELECOMMUNICATIONS (CUSTOMER
EQUIPMENT TRANSITION) REGULATIONS, 2003**

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Authority: These Regulations were made on 26th September, 2003 by the Minister under section 110(1) of the *Telecommunications Act*.

Commencement: 9th October, 2003.

1. These Regulations may be cited as the *Telecommunications (Customer Equipment Transition) Regulations, 2003*.

2. In these Regulations,

"certified technician" has the meaning assigned to it by paragraph 5 of the Schedule to the *Telecommunications (Certification Standards) Regulations, 2003*. 2003/80.

3. The transitional arrangements in respect of customer equipment shall take place in 3 parts as follows:

(a) Part 1 shall commence on 1st October, 2003, when arrangements specified in paragraph (b) shall take effect in respect of

(i) single-line sets; and

(ii) inside wiring;

and

(b) from 1st October, 2003,

(i) all residential line telephones, other single line equipment and associated inside wiring shall be handed over to customers at no charge from Cable & Wireless (Barbados) Limited; 2004/22.

- (ii) when the handing-over mentioned at sub-paragraph (i) takes place, customers shall be responsible for the maintenance of the single-line sets and inside wiring;
- (iii) customers may purchase single-line sets from any supplier; and
- (iv) customers may contract certified technicians for maintenance or installation of the equipment mentioned in this paragraph.

4. (1) Part 2 shall commence on 15th October, 2003, and from that date business customers may, in the case of multi-line sets up to 30 ports,

- (a) buy, rent or lease their equipment from their current supplier or any supplier of their choice; or
- (b) contract any certified technician for the provisions of inside wiring and the maintenance of their equipment.

(2) All inside wiring must be done by a certified technician.

5. (1) Part 3 shall commence on 1st November, 2003, and from that date regulation 4(1)(a) and (b) shall apply.

(2) The transitional arrangements for Part 3 are in respect of all customer equipment including multi-line sets, the associated handsets and all inside wiring.

6. (1) All customer equipment that is to be connected to the public switched telephone network must be certified by the Telecommunications Unit in accordance with the *Telecommunications (Certification Standards) Regulations, 2003*.

2003/80.

(2) All domestic telecommunications licensed carriers shall be required to demarcate the public telecommunications network owned and operated by them from the customer equipment, using a Network Interface Device (NID) installed at the service address of each of their customers.

7. Network Interface Devices shall

- (a) be provided at all new installations by domestic telecommunications carriers and at customer premises where faults are reported; and
- (b) be phased in at all other customer premises.

8. All customers and service providers shall comply with Part XI of the *Telecommunications Act*, and with the *Telecommunications (Certification Standards) Regulations, 2003*. Cap. 282B.
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