

**Statutory Instrument 163 of 2008.**

**Postal and Telecommunications (International Termination Rates) (Amendment) Regulations, 2008**

**IT is hereby notified that the Minister of Transport and Communications has, in terms of section 99 of the Postal and Telecommunications Act [Chapter 12:05], made the following amendment regulations after consultation the Authority:—**

The Postal and Telecommunications (International Termination Rates) Regulations, 2006 are repealed and substituted with the following—

**PART I**

**1. Preliminary**

These regulations may be cited as the Postal and Telecommunications (International Termination Rates) (Amendment) Regulations, 2008 (No. 1).

**2. Interpretation**

(1) In these regulations—

“international termination rate” means the charge which one telecommunications operator will charge another in order to terminate calls on their network;

“special drawing rights” means the international reserve assets that is used by International Monetary Fund and other international organizations as a unit of account based on a basket of key international currencies.

**3. Application**

These regulations shall apply to all international voice telecommunications traffic into Zimbabwe.

**4. Termination rates**

No licensee shall agree to receive less than the minimum international termination rates as prescribed in the Schedule.

**5. Transiting calls**

In cases where international calls are routed through transiting network licensees shall share the revenue in accordance with the terms and conditions of interconnection agreement entered into between the parties.

**6. Interconnection**

(1) Any licensee must on request, interconnect to any other person licensed in terms of the Act, subject to the provisions, of Statutory Instrument 28 of 2001 in accordance with the terms and conditions of an interconnection agreement entered into between the parties, unless such request is unreasonable.

(2) Where the reasonableness of any request to interconnect is disputed, the person requesting interconnection may notify the Authority in accordance with Statutory Instrument 28 of 2001, within 14 days of receiving the request, or such longer period as is reasonably necessary in the circumstances, determine the reasonableness of the request.

(3) An interconnection agreement must be in writing and must be submitted to the Authority, it becomes enforceable after approval by the Authority.

**7. Offences**

Any licensee who breaches these regulations shall notwithstanding any other action the Authority may take in terms of the Act, be guilty of an offence and be liable to a fine not exceeding level 12 or to imprisonment for a period not exceeding 3 years or to both such fine and such imprisonment.

**SCHEDULE (Section 5)**

**MINIMUM TERMINATION RATES APPLICABLE TO ALL COUNTRIES**

<i>Termination category</i>	<i>Minimum termination rate in Special Drawing Rights(SDR)</i>	<i>Minimum termination rate in US\$</i>
Fixed	0.048	0.07
Mobile	0.1383	0.20