

# COMMUNICATIONS AND MULTIMEDIA ACT 1998

## MINISTERIAL DIRECTION ON UNIVERSAL SERVICE PROVISION

### DIRECTION No. 1 of 2000

In exercise of the powers conferred by sections 7 and 202 of the Communications and Multimedia Act 1998 [Act 588], the Minister hereby directs the Commission as follows:

#### Citation and duration

1. This direction may be cited as the Ministerial Direction No. 1 of 2000 and shall come into operation on the date of registration of this Direction.

#### Universal Service Provision System

2. The Commission shall determine a system to promote the widespread availability and usage of network services and/or applications services throughout Malaysia by encouraging the installation of network facilities and the provision for network services and/or applications services in underserved areas or for underserved groups within the community.

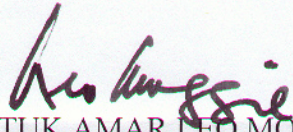
3. The system for universal service provision (USP) as referred to in paragraph 2 above shall address the following matters:-

- (a) The scope of universal services including the types of services which should be subject to USP obligations;
- (b) Definitions of 'underserved areas' and 'underserved groups within the community' including the criteria for identifying specific areas as 'underserved areas' and specific groups as 'underserved groups within the community';
- (c) The control and operation of the Universal Service Provision Fund ("USP Fund");
- (d) Contributions to the USP Fund including who should contribute to the USP Fund and how the contributions should be determined;
- (e) The delivery of USP services including, where appropriate, competitive delivery mechanisms;
- (f) Monitoring and compliance mechanisms;
- (g) Determination of the cost of USP including, where appropriate, market-based mechanisms for determining the cost of USP.

4. The matters referred to in paragraph 3 above are not the only matters which the system for universal service provision as referred to in paragraph 2 above may address.

Made

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