

**Extension of the Period for Consultation on Arrangements for the  
Frequency Spectrum in the 900 MHz and 1800 MHz Bands upon  
Expiry of the Existing Assignments for Public Mobile  
Telecommunications Services and the Spectrum Utilisation Fee**

The Communications and Creative Industries Branch of the Commerce and Economic Development Bureau announced today (11 April 2016) that the deadline for response to the consultation paper issued on 3 February 2016 on “Arrangements for the Frequency Spectrum in the 900 MHz and 1800 MHz Bands upon Expiry of the Existing Assignments for Public Mobile Telecommunications Services and the Spectrum Utilisation Fee” has been extended by a month, in response to requests from the industry.

Any person wishing to respond to the consultation paper should do so on or before 18 May 2016, instead of the original deadline of 18 April 2016. With this extension, the consultation period will last for a total of three and a half months, to enable the industry and interested parties to submit their views and comments. To allow sufficient time for the assessment of the responses received and for the conduct of a second round of consultation in end 2016 / early 2017, any further request for extension of deadline would not be entertained.

All submissions to the consultation paper should reach the Office of the Communications Authority by the extended deadline of 18 May 2016. Submissions made after that date would not be considered.

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